Gardener’s Revolution® Honeycomb Tomato Planter

Our Gardener’s Revolution® Honeycomb Tomato Planter will help you grow the healthiest, tastiest tomatoes possible. It includes a perforated basket with a lightweight Grow Bag to increase airflow and sustain a stronger root system, adjustable supports, and a self-watering system to get your plants the water they need, while cutting down on your watering chores. The planter is designed to fit one determinate tomato that grows 3’ tall. It is also great for growing eggplants and peppers too!

Parts List

- (1) Planter Basket
- (1) Reservoir
- (2) Elevated Feet - Left
- (2) Elevated Feet - Right
- (1) Grow Bag Liner
- (5) Support Ring Clips
- (5) Wire Support Rings
- (5) Locking Clips
- (3) Support Uprights
- (2) Support Connectors
- (1) Support Cap
- (1) Capillary Strip
- (2) T-Locks
- (1) Tie Down System (tube & cord)

Assembly

Step 1. Use Figure 1 to identify each piece. Lay them out on a clean and level surface.

Step 2. Examine the bottom of the Reservoir and notice how each indent is labeled with an L or R. The Elevated Feet are also labeled with an L or R. Use the labels to determine the placement of each foot and slide them into the groves on the bottom of the Reservoir until they lock into place (Figure 2). NOTE: If you have the optional Casters, now is the time to insert them into the bottom of the feet. If necessary, use a Rubber Mallet to tap them into place. Flip the Reservoir over so it is right-side up.

Step 3. Install the Capillary Strip in the Planter Basket by inserting both ends of the strip into the wider slots on the inside edges of the basket and pulling the strip tight (Figure 3).

Step 4. Place the Planter Basket on top of the Reservoir, positioning it so the water fill hole on the Reservoir is at the front of the planter. Line up the holes in the bottom of the Planter Basket to the matching ones at the top of the drainage columns in the Reservoir and press the Basket firmly down onto the Reservoir. NOTE: Press firmly along the inside edges of the Basket to make sure it is fully sealed on top of the Reservoir. Take the two T-Locks and insert the narrower ends into both sets of holes. Turn them 90 degrees to lock the basket and reservoir together (Figure 3).

Step 5. Examine the Support Uprights to determine the front (mostly flat) and back (more open). Slide one of the Uprights into the slot in the Planter Basket, with the flat side facing forward. Make sure to slide the Upright all the way down until the base of it is fully seated in the platform at the top of the Reservoir. NOTE: If necessary, use a rubber mallet to tap the Support Upright into place.

Step 6. Assemble the Tie Down System by inserting the cord through the plastic tube. Place the tube into the channel on the attached Support Upright and slide it down until it rests on top of the Planter Basket (Figure 4).
Step 7. Take a Support Connector and slide it onto the attached Support Upright as shown in Figure 5. Slide another Support Upright onto the top half of the Support Connector. Repeat to attach the remaining Support Connector and Upright, and then place the Support Cap on top.

Step 8. Unfold the Grow Bag Liner and place it into the Planter Basket. Line up the sides of the grow bag with the sides of the basket, overlapping the two loose ends at the back of the basket.

Step 9. Mix 1 cup of fertilizer into 20 quarts of potting mix and pre-moisten. **NOTE:** We recommend our Organic Self-Watering Potting Mix, as well as a slow-release granular fertilizer, such as our GSC Organic Tomato Fertilizer. Fill your planter to within 1” to 2” of the top edge and add your tomato plant. **Important:** It should be a compact tomato that grows 3’ tall. Water the planter from the top to thoroughly moisten the soil and settle the plant roots. Fill the reservoir using the water fill hole at the front of the planter.

Step 10. Choose where you would like to place your Wire Support Rings on the Support Uprights. Notice how one side of the Support Ring Clips have indents to fit the Wire Rings. With that side facing up, snap the Clips onto the back of the Support Uprights. Push the hooked ends of the Support Rings into the holes on the Support Ring Clips, fitting the rings fully into the indents. **Important:** Make sure the rings are pressed completely into the indents and that the ends are visible below the clips.

Step 11. Place a Locking Clip over the front of each Support Ring Clip (Figure 6). **Important:** The Locking Clips are made to be tight to ensure they hold your supports in place, even as your plant grows taller and heavier. Some people may find the Locking Clips difficult to install. It may take time and patience. For help in installing the Clips, we have video instructions on our website, gardeners.com. Just visit the Gardener’s Revolution® Honeycomb Tomato Planter page and click on the How To tab to find them.

Stand behind the Planter when installing the Lock Clips. To attach, lean the Clip slightly towards the back of the planter and wedge one side onto the Support Ring Clip (Figure 7). Attach the other side by pulling it towards the back of the Planter and pressing it down onto the Support Ring Clip. **NOTE:** The Locking Clip may not be fully attached yet. Squeeze the top and bottom of each side of the Clips until you hear a click and each side looks like Figure 8. Use two fingers to close each tab on the Locking Clip, pressing them into place until you hear another click.

Step 12. Use the Tie Down System to tie the Planter to a post or railing. **NOTE:** This helps anchor the Planter and provide additional stability. Try to keep the Tie Down System as close to the Planter Basket as possible for the best support. This is important for when your plants grow taller.

**Important Information about the Locking Clips**

If you are experiencing difficulty in installing the included Locking Clips, just call our customer service at 800-876-5520. We are redesigning the Clips and will have new ones available in late spring. If you need them, just let us know. We expect them to be available before your tomato plant grows too big.

**Planting and Care Tips**

- Be careful when selecting which variety of tomato to grow. We recommend a determinate bush variety that grows 3’ tall. With the Gardener’s Revolution® Honeycomb Tomato Extension (sold separately) you can grow tomatoes up to 5’ tall. **Important:** Avoid using indeterminate tomatoes as some varieties can grow up to 12-15’ tall.
- We recommend adding 1 more cup of fertilizer to your plant 4-6 weeks after planting. Gently rake the fertilizer into the soil around the plant and then top water to help disperse it.
- Water your plant from the top and fill the reservoir to extend time between watering. Check your soil moisture regularly. Daily inspection may be necessary, especially if you live in a hot, dry climate or experience extended periods of dry weather. If the soil dries out, refill the reservoir and water thoroughly from above to re-establish the wicking action.
- It is possible to adjust the placement of the Wire Support Rings as your plant grows. Just open the tabs on the Locking Clip and pull up on the front center to unclip it. Slide the Support Ring Clip up and down the Support Upright to adjust the height. Once it is in place, follow Step 11 to reattach the Locking Clip.
- When your plant starts to flower and set fruit, top water to keep the soil consistently moist and keep the reservoir full.
- In hot zones, we recommend placing the planter in a spot that gets afternoon shade.

**About Drainage:** This planter has built-in overflow drainage, so when the water reservoir is full, any excess water will drain out. The draining water can stain surfaces under the planter.

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