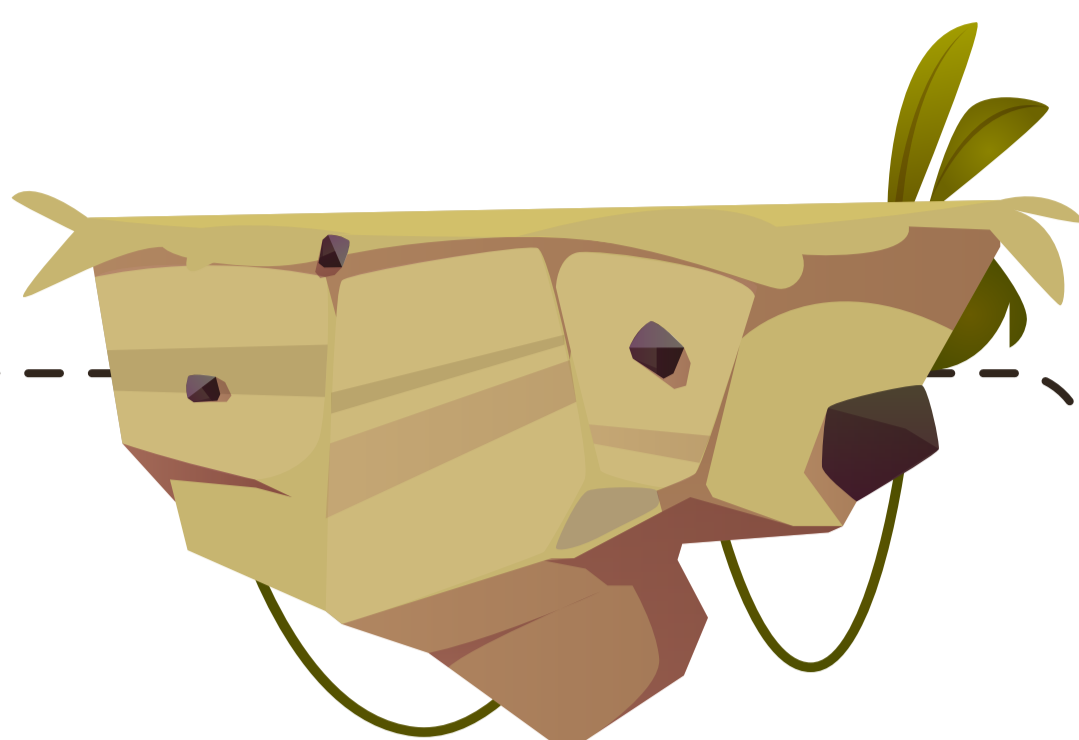


6 STEPS TO GROW COCONUT AT HOME

To help address unstable coconut supply, the **NESTLÉ COCONUT PLAN** – a collaboration with the Coconut Cultivation Board (CCB) – is helping thousands of people grow coconut in their home gardens. Here are some simplified tips from our training manual that you can use to grow your own coconut at home.

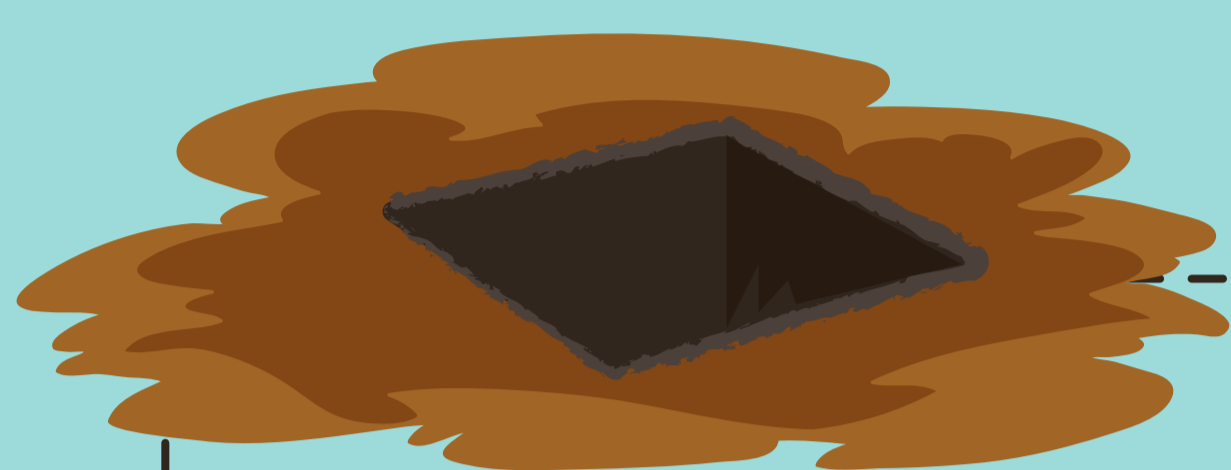
1 The right soil

Coconut can grow in **sandy soil**, **loam** (soil composed mainly of sand silt and a little amount of clay), or **gravelly soil** (which contains a high amount of small stones)



2 The right size

The planting hole should be **3x3x3 feet**. For gravelly soil however, the hole should be **4x4x4 feet**.

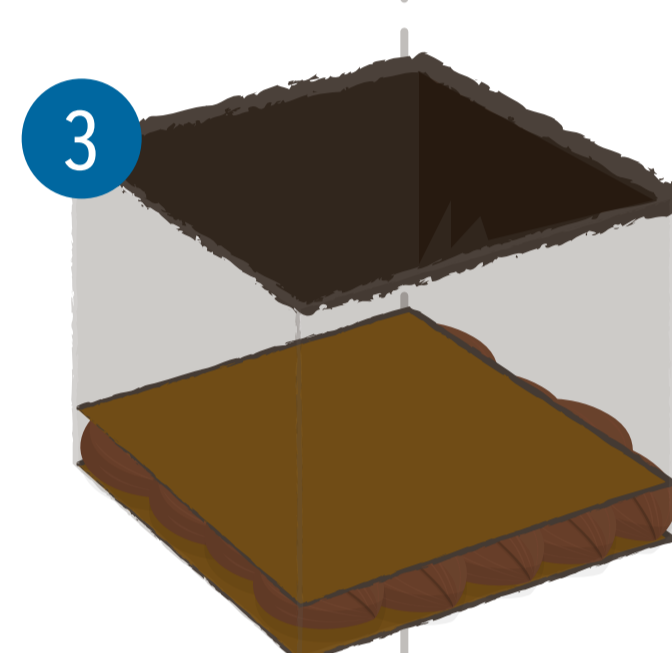
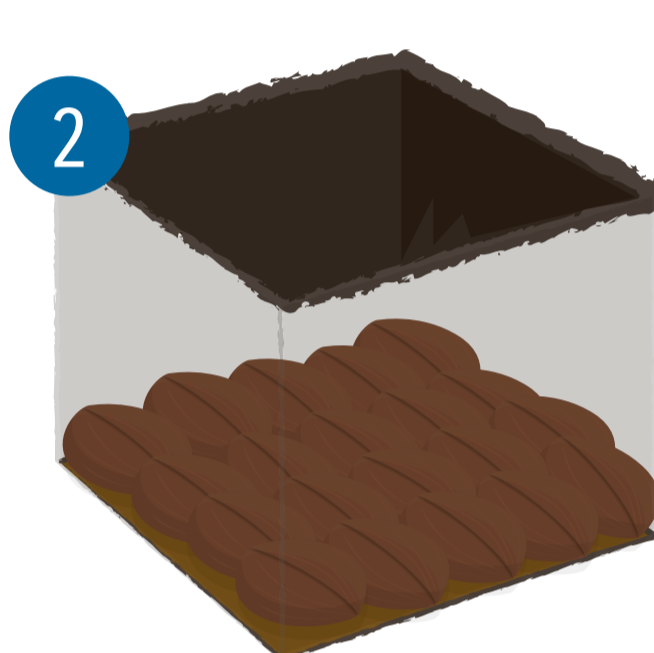
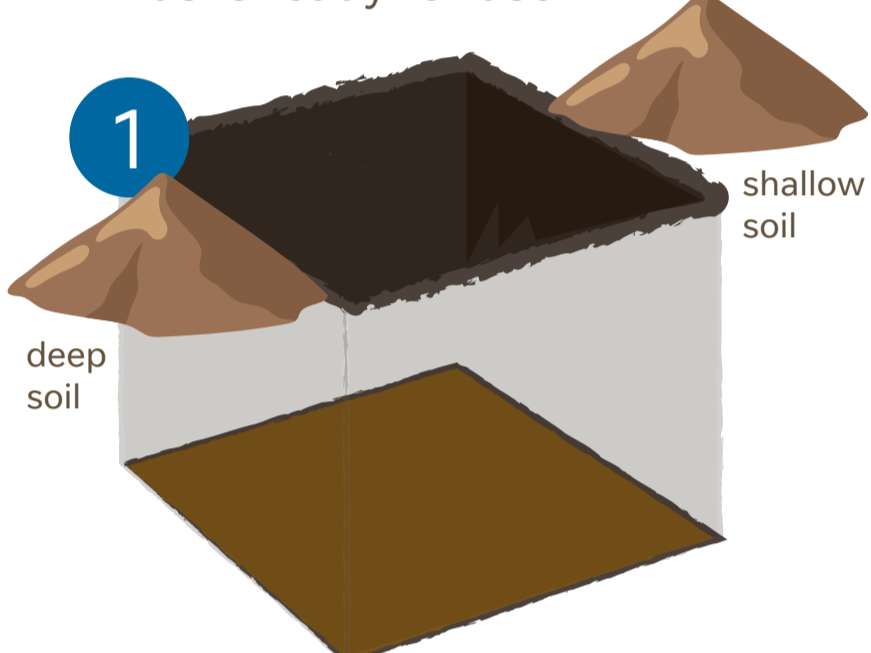


3 Plant it right

When digging the planting hole, place the first 1.5 feet of dug soil (shallow soil) on one side of the hole, and the remaining 1.5 feet of dug soil (deep soil) on the other. Keep 30 - 35 coconut husks ready for use

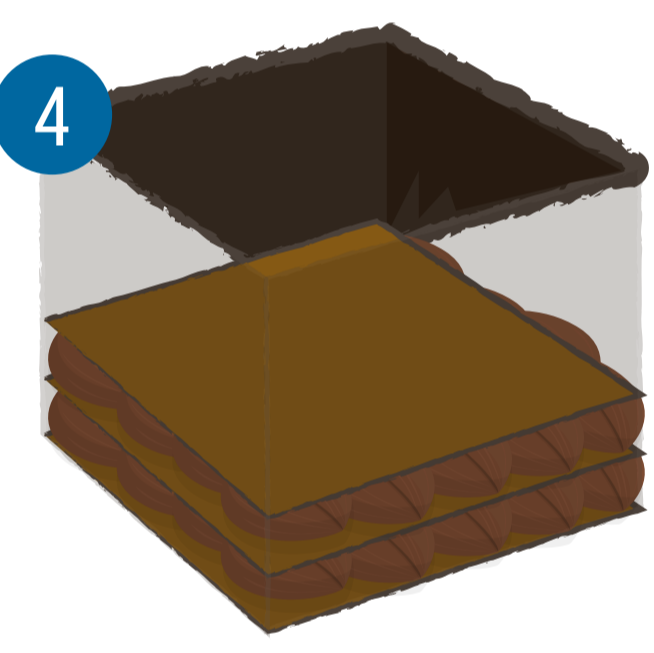
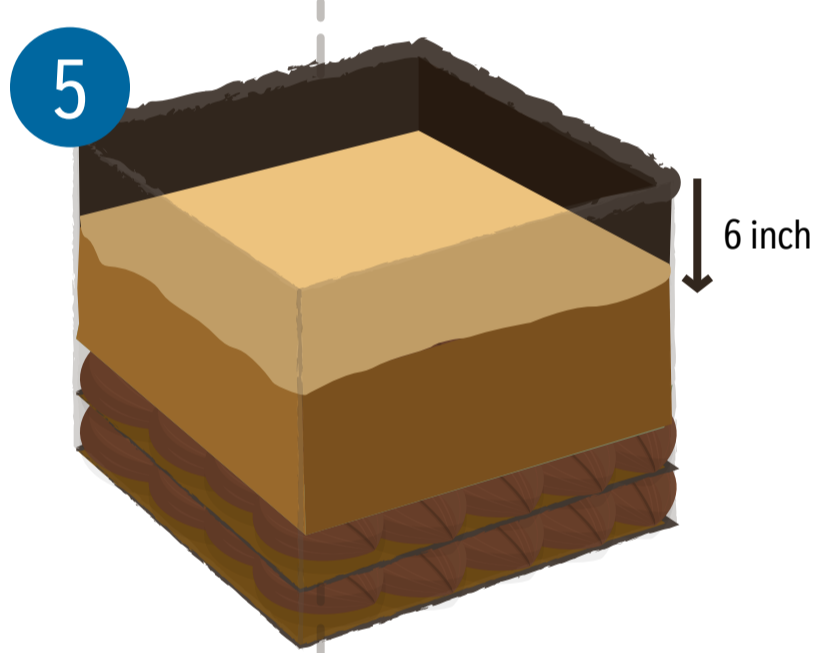
Place one layer of husks in the hole

Cover the husks with a thin layer of dug deep soil



Mix the dug shallow soil well with 10 kg of organic manure. Use this to fill the hole up to 6 inches below ground level.

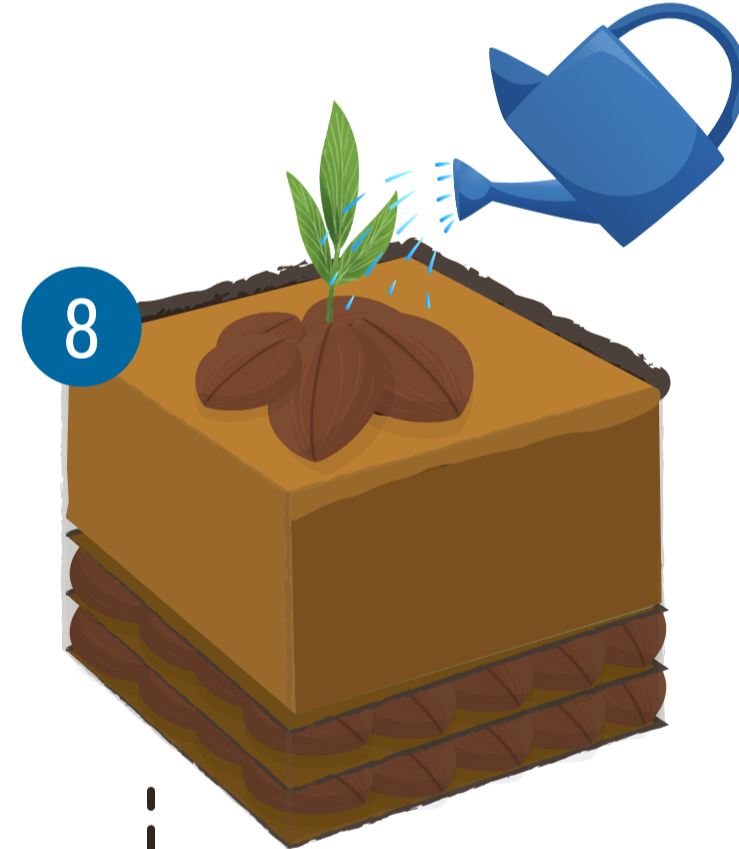
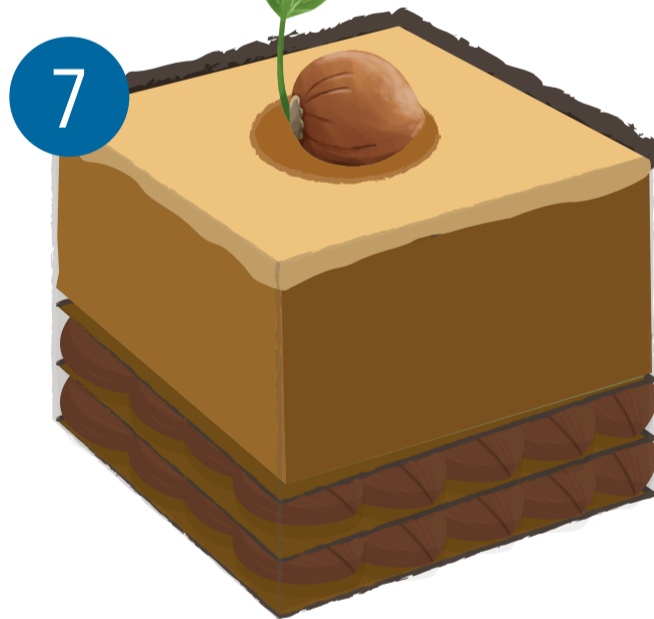
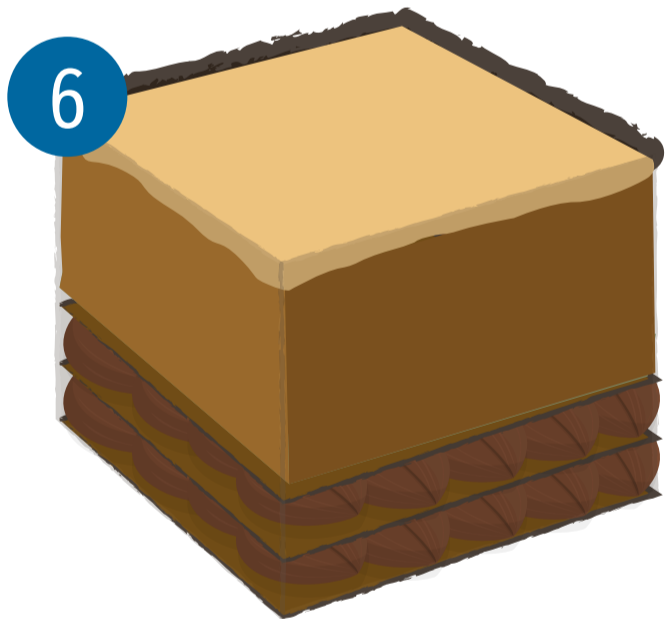
Repeat steps 2 and 3 to create another layer of husks and soil



Depending on your zone, add 1.25 kg of YPM-W fertilizer (wet zone) or 1 kg of YPM-D fertilizer (dry zone) and mix well into the soil in the planting hole

Dig a hole just big enough for the coconut sapling and plant it. Then add in 1 kg of Dolomite fertiliser and mix well into the soil

Place the remaining coconut husks around the plant to preserve soil moisture and water it



4 Water it right

Use 15-20 litres of water for your sapling daily. Your waste water at home will do just fine.



5 Control pests

- 1 If the seed nut shows signs of damage by termites, dip it in recommended insecticide (as per point 6) prior to planting.
- 2 If a termite attack occurs post planting, drench the soil with the recommended insecticide using a watering can



6 Reach out

Contact the CCB agent in your area for inspection and advice. **Call 011 286 1011.**

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For more information on the Nestlé Coconut Plan: <https://www.nestle.lk/communities/enhancing-livelihoods-sri-lankan-coconut-farmers>

For more detailed information on coconut growing by the CCB:

Correct planting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qguzB3ExDQc>

Termite damage: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M-H6INPS7EE>

