

Summer Oyster Mushroom Grow Kits

Growing Tips:

-  **Keep indoors out of direct sunlight**
-  **Ensure a steady temperature between 14-21°C**
-  **Simply spray twice daily.**

Your Oyster kit is ready and raring to go, all you will need is a spray bottle. Firstly place the kit in a suitable location out of any direct sun or heavy draughts, avoiding heat sources. Mushrooms love humidity and will grow best when the environment is not drying.

TIP: Oyster mushrooms require light to produce their vibrant colour, they should **NOT** be grown in the dark.

It is important to keep the kit within its cardboard box, keeping the lid on at all times. This helps the mushrooms grow into nice big groups through the pre made holes, please ensure these have been cut with an "X" so the mushrooms can grow.

Simply spray into all three holes, twice daily and when the mushrooms are forming it is important to spray them during this stage also.

A temperature range of 14-21°C, with an ideal temperate of 18-19°C is ideal for a nice steady growth.

When to pick: The mushroom caps will begin to turn up once they reach maturity, it is best to pick them just before they flatten out completely. It is important to pick them at their prime for the best flavour (**see pictures**).

How to pick: Harvest the whole crop by carefully twisting and pulling the bunch away from the box.

After picking, ensure plastic is folded back over, resume spraying twice daily and a new crop will appear in a week or two!

WHERE SHOULD I GROW MY KIT?

Locate the kits anywhere within the home, **OUT** of direct sunlight, avoiding radiators and heat sources.

Locate grow kit within a temperature range of 14-21°C. With 18-19°C being optimum for steady growth.

Please note as these kits are all designed to be grown in the home

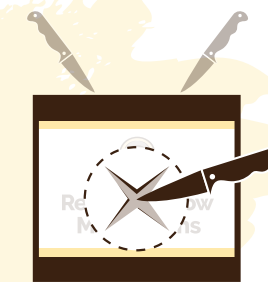
Avoid locations like:

- Greenhouses/Garden Sheds
- Airing Cupboards
- Conservatories
- Windowsills
- Small Cupboards



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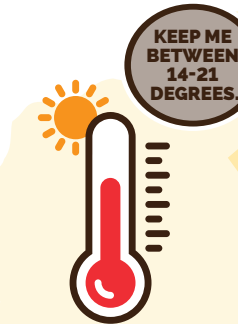
Whilst keeping the kit within its cardboard box, ensure the three holes have been cut in an 'X'. You will find two on the top and one on the front.



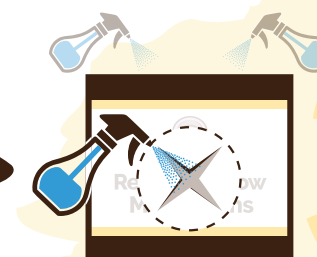
Between spraying, it is important to fold the clear liner back over, protecting the compost from being exposed.



Your first crop will soon be ready to pick. During this stage the mushroom caps will begin to turn up as they reach maturity, it is best to pick them just before they flatten out completely.



Find an indoor location, free from draughty areas and out of direct sunlight, avoiding heat sources.



Proceed to spray into all three holes, twice daily with water. You are just keeping the surface moist so be careful not to overwater.

TIP: It is important to also spray these developing growths so they do not dry out.



Continue to spray twice daily and within 7-10 days you will notice small fruiting bodies forming within the holes.



Once ready, pick by gently twisting and pulling the whole bunch away from the box, then slice away any leftover substrate on the mushrooms.

FAQ and Troubleshooting



Ensure the kit remains within its box and the three holes have been cut into an "X". Keep these folded over between spraying, protecting the compost and the growing mushrooms.



Do **NOT** extend the opening within the clear liner, this dries out the compost and will inhibit growth.



As the mycelium within the compost colonises, you may notice the compost changing colour from brown to white, this is **completely normal** and is a sign the mushrooms are growing.



Typically after 7-10 days you'll see small fruiting bodies within the holes. This can take slightly longer as each kit is unique. Be sure to keep spraying twice daily so they do **NOT** dry out.



By nature each kit is unique, nutrition may be diverted to one or two holes with the most favourable, sheltered conditions. Wilted growths should be twisted off for the next to grow.



Oyster mushrooms are best picked just as the edges of the caps are beginning to upturn, it is important to pick them at this stage to be at their best.



The mushrooms here are ready to pick, you can see the edges beginning to upturn and the beginning of spores being dropped onto the lid.



If left without picking, mushrooms will begin to spore, if you see white "dust" below the mushrooms should be picked immediately.



Wilted growths should be sliced off and can indicate a lack of humidity. Placing the entire kit within a carrier bag, with an opening at the top can help in dry environments.



If concerned about the progress of your kit, it is important to let us know asap as we can tweak things if needed to get it back on track quickly.
To do this, scan the QR code or fill out the support form in full at <https://www.merryhillmushrooms.co.uk/support> so we can assist

Truly fresh mushrooms to grow at home

FAQ and Troubleshooting

WHAT IS INCLUDED WITHIN THE KITS?

Each kit contains fresh pre spawned mushroom compost and full, double sided instructions.

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MY HOLES ARE READY CUT, IS THIS NORMAL?

As this is a ready growing kit, your kits should already have their growing holes cut with an "X". Please check this and if necessary, without any issues, you will be able to add your own "X" into the clear liner.

SHOULD I EXPOSE THE COMPOST THROUGH THE HOLES?

No, in order for the mushrooms to colonize the compost needs to be protected from the elements, please ensure the "X" is folded over and protecting the compost rather than having it open.

MY OYSTER MUSHROOMS HAVE ONLY GROWN OUT OF TWO HOLES?

Your Oyster Mushrooms, by nature can grow out of the holes at different times. Often one or two holes will start growing before the third. Keep spraying all holes.

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WATERING GUIDELINES

Spray into each hole with regular water with a spray bottle, 2-3 times per day. Keep spraying the growths and as they develop, also the mushrooms at the same frequency above.

HOW/WHEN TO PICK

Pick by slicing the whole clump from the box. Pick the mushrooms when fully developed but do not let them over grow/flatten out or leave to spore.

WHAT IS THE WHITENESS DROPPING FROM THE MUSHROOMS ONTO THE BOX?

If you see white "dust" coming from the mushrooms, it means they're dropping their spores. This means you've left them slightly too long before harvesting, worry not, they are still good to eat, but should be picked urgently.



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