

DIY: How to Plant a Fruit Tree



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Harrow Diamond Peach Tree

The Harrow Diamond Peach Tree is winter hardy, has few split pits and is highly resistant to bacterial spot and brown rot. The bloom colour is pink. Harrow Diamond is self pollinating but can benefit from planting near other peach varieties with a similar bloom time. This peach has a red blush colour over a bright yellow colour. The peach has a long shelf life and is great for canning.



Step One: Tools/supplies

Collect the supplies you need;

1. Purchase a locally-grown fruit tree
2. Square shovel or long handle shovel
3. Tarp for dirt to go on (easier to clean up)
4. Soil
5. Work gloves
6. Hand cultivator garden tool
7. Mulch
8. Knife
9. Water



Step Two: How to dig the hole



- Start off by digging the square hole. A square hole provides more room for the roots to spread out. The roots grow/expand better in a square hole than in round hole. This is really important and will set your tree up for success!
- Carefully remove the square piece of grass sod so you can reuse the grass once the tree is planted.
- The square hole should be twice as wide as the diameter of the root ball but only as deep as the root ball's height.



Time to Dig!

Here is a short video on how I am digging the hole. Once done, add about a quarter of the bag of soil to the bottom of the hole.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9gEUk9sl27g>

Here is another short video of me adding the soil!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2bLOLwBMr1M>

Step Three: Planting the tree!

I used a knife to take off the root ball cover and it was harder than I thought! Here is a quick video about it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UBP9QkcFyBo&list=UU7fXsF7LVnEZIC2ka1BBnzA&index=4>

Carefully planting the tree!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ONgKlf0cOY8&list=UU7fXsF7LVnEZIC2ka1BBnzA&index=3>



Step Four: Filling the hole!

Organic mulch is great to add for extra nutrients and holding moisture. I found mulch in my yard where the leaves had started to decompose (which is perfect).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WzRvGwMKzgM&list=UU7fXsF7LVnEZIC2ka1BBnzA&index=2>

Then I added some water.



Step Five: Final touches

Last step, adding back the grass layer.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T9u6GQf4rgQ&list=UU7fXsF7LVnEZIC2ka1BBnzA&index=1>



Success!

Success! The tree in bloom... ready to welcome bees in our yard and for the peach orchard across the road.

Looking forward to enjoying the peaches in the future!

