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## Dirt-Cheap Garden Plant Markers

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These homemade garden tags are super quick to make and efficiently keep track of the plants in your garden, unlike other plant markers that get lost in in the soil. I make them out of the cardboard that I cannot easily compost such as old cereal boxes.

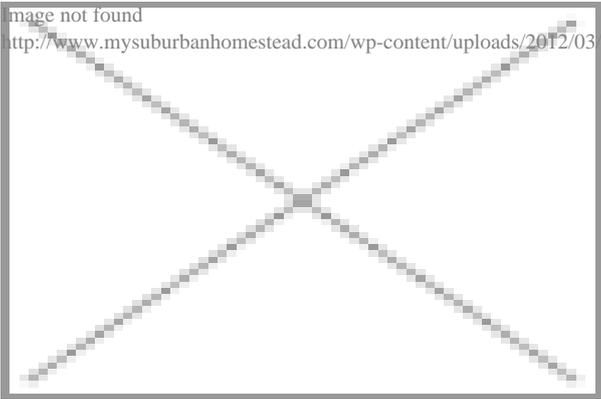


During this time of year, anytime I go to recycle an old cereal box or some other cardboard packaging, I cut the box into markers to have on hand for whenever I plant directly into the garden.



I flatten out the box.

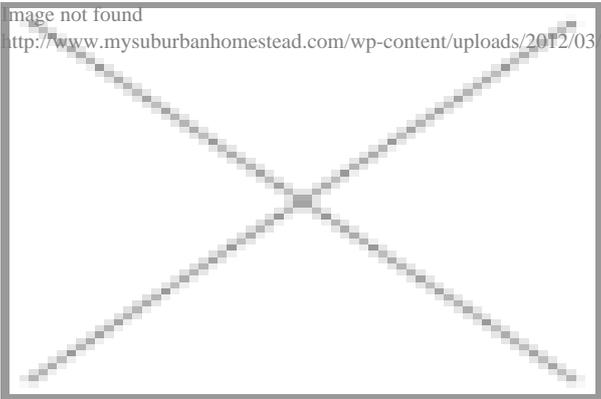
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Then cut it into various sized rectangles.

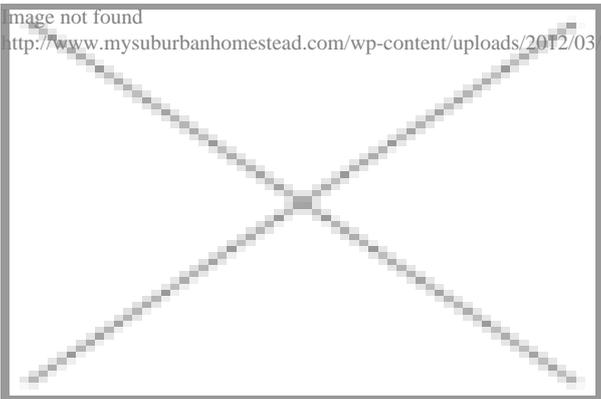
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Fold the rectangles in half.

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Poke a hole through the middle with a sharp knife.



I like to use a [grease pen](#) [7] when I write down the variety name in lieu of a sharpie. This is because I live in a very wet climate where sharpies tend to bleed or fade in the sun.

When affixing these to a stick or a bamboo pole out in the garden, you can use a piece of tape to help hold the flaps down.

If you like this, check out my post on [making your own newspaper pots](#). [8]

And don't forget to enter for a chance to win my [vegetable seed giveaway](#) [9]!

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