

# Growing & Caring For Your Emirates Stadium Pitch



\*Parental supervision recommended

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Empty all contents from the tin and locate the cardboard stand. Peel off the backing from the pre-taped glue strip and stick the stand to the back of the tin lid in a central position. Fold the cardboard stand out to an angle of 90 degrees so that the lid is supported in an upright position.

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Note: It is highly recommended that stages 2-6 be completed outdoors or that work surfaces are covered with layers of newspaper.

Take the resealable plastic bag containing the Coir Peat briquette and open it. Add 200ml of water then seal the bag.

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Leave the bag for five minutes or until the Coir Peat has soaked up all of the water. If for some reason you add too much water, it is easy to pour away without losing much of the peat. Alternatively if you find that the peat is too dry and the briquette has not fully broken up, squeeze any hard lumps with your fingers and add small amounts of water until it feels thoroughly moist but not saturated.

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Empty the Coir Peat into the tin and use the plastic soil tool to smooth the surface, creating a flat seeding area. Do not put too much pressure on the peat as it should not be too compact.

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Open the resealable bag of seeds and evenly scatter onto the Coir Peat, entirely covering the surface. If there are any areas that are not covered you can use your fingers to lightly move some seed around. It is advisable to save  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the total amount of seeds as these will be needed to later fill in any areas of poor growth.

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Open the bag of topsoil and lightly cover all of the seeds with it (any seeds that are left exposed are unlikely to grow) making sure that you save a small handful of the topsoil in case of the need for overseeding later on. It is unnecessary to water this layer of soil as there is enough moisture in the base.

\*Remember to thoroughly wash your hands after handling the soil.

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Using some Kitchen cling film, cover the section of the tin containing the soil and seeds, then cut it so that it is large enough to tightly wrap around the sides and bottom of the tin. Make sure the cling film is pulled tight and is not touching the soil.

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Place the tin on a window sill to ensure the maximum amount of natural light. The cling film will help to retain the warmth and moisture so there is no need to water whilst the seeds are germinating. (Do not expose to high temperatures such as very hot direct sunlight or radiators as the seeds may fail to germinate)

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After 3-4 days check to see if the seed has germinated. If this has not happened do not worry, it may need a few more days or to be placed in a brighter/warmer area. When the seeds begin to germinate you will notice that many of the shoots have a dark red appearance. This is normal and will change to a fuller green colour as the blades of grass mature. You can now remove the cling film.

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Having removed the cling film from the tin, you should now be lightly watering every other day, depending on humidity and room temperature. If the soil looks very wet, do not water. We recommend using a small watering can for a few seconds but a small amount of water in a cup lightly sprinkled over the grass is just as effective. At this stage the grass will benefit from maximum natural light. Where possible, we advise that the turf be placed outside on warm, dry days.

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Allow your grass to grow to around 4-5cm. You will now be able to see if any areas have not germinated or were not seeded correctly. Using the remaining seeds you can lightly fill these barren areas and again lightly cover with soil and a little water. These will now begin to germinate and catch up with the more mature grass as it is cut back.

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Allow the grass to grow to around 5cm before cutting back and then only cut back to about 3cm. This can simply be done using a pair of sharp scissors. Try to avoid leaving too many clippings in with the grass as they can cause mould when decomposing. You will need to trim the grass each time it reaches an average of 5cm to stimulate growth and help thicken it.

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Having completed this process over the course of 7-10 days, you should be left with a lush healthy turf. You will now need to carefully cut this back to around 2.5cm making sure that you are left with a really flat surface for the final presentation.

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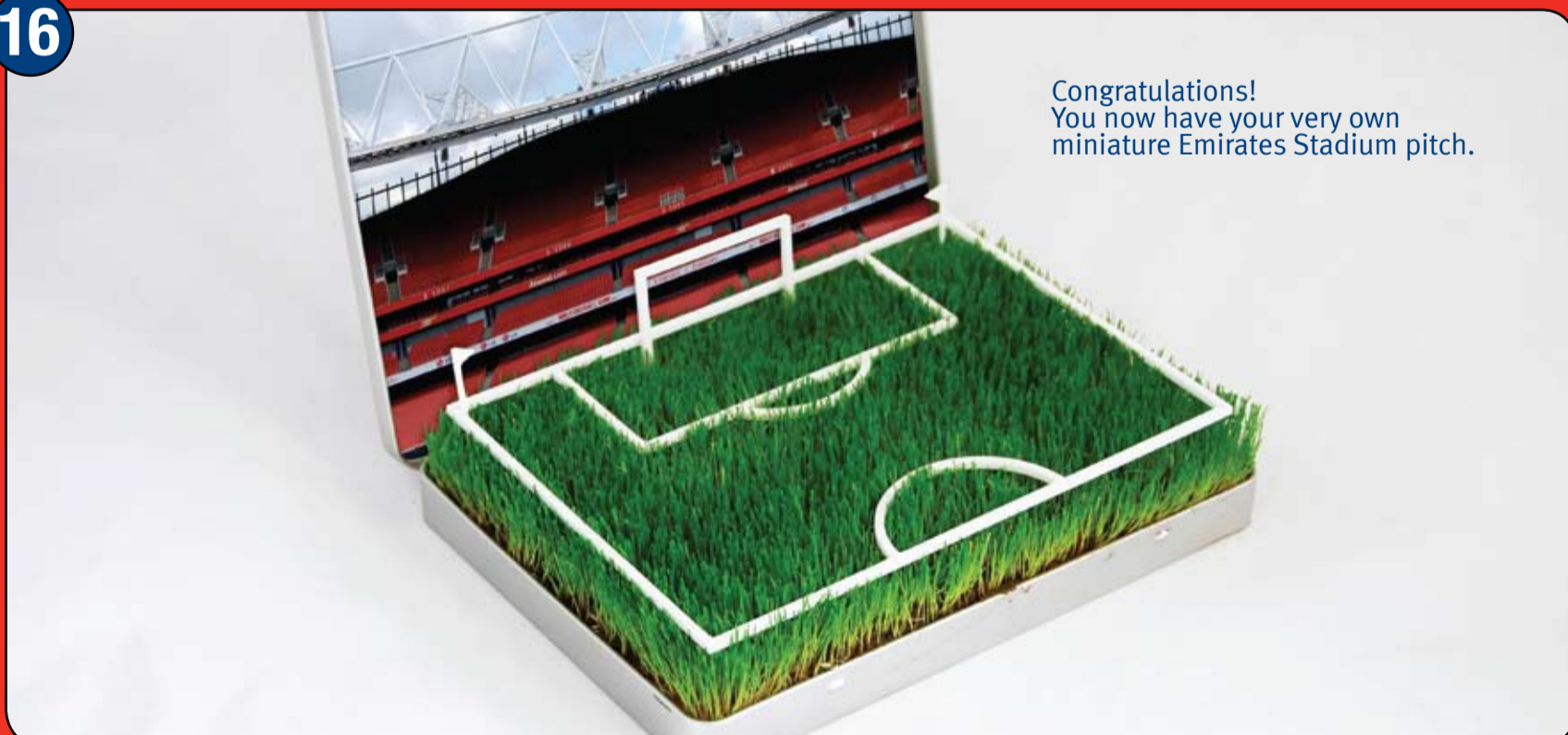
Take out the plastic pitch finishing kit and carefully snap off the 2x goals and 4x corner flags leaving you with a perfect pitch layout to sit on your grass.

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Place the pitch layout on the grass and add 1 of the goals and 2 of the corner flags to the pitch.

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Congratulations!  
You now have your very own miniature Emirates Stadium pitch.

(Due to adverse growing conditions, the life of this product cannot be guaranteed)