



## Kadai Planter - Care & Use Instructions

**IMPORTANT:** If the Kadai Planter is on a stone base you need to ensure it is put on a level surface, preferably on a bed of sand. If it is placed on an uneven surface there is a danger the stone may crack when weight is added to the bowl.

### Siting your Kadai Planter:

You may need to consider the drainage from the Kadai. The water is concentrated to a single hole in the base of the Kadai and will fall vertically through this hole and then through a hole in the sandstone base, or the iron stand, to drain onto the ground below.

If sited on a solid patio where the water cannot drain through to the ground, the water will drain between the stone base and the stone slabs. If the slabs are very flat some channels may need to be made to help the water escape.

On decking a hole could be drilled through the decking to let the water drain down to the soil beneath. If this is not possible, we would recommend the stone base is raised slightly to allow a gap for the water to easily escape between the decking and the stone base otherwise the water could become trapped and cause problems for the decking.

On soil, grass etc. the water will drain away through the ground depending on the type of soil structure. In non-free draining ground, for example clay, it might be advisable to dig a small hole about 60cm x 60cm x 60cm and fill with small rocks and rubble to help with the drainage.

*It is advised that you first test the drainage, with a garden hose in the Kadai, to imitate heavy rainfall and see where the water goes before you plant.*

### Planting your Kadai:

1. Place the Cup Filter upside down in your Kadai over the hole in the base.
2. Cover with small rocks, rubble or gravel to the required depth, leaving enough space for the soil above according to your planting requirements. Ensure the surface is as level as possible.
3. Lay the permeable membrane supplied over the top and cut the edge about 10cm larger than the layer of stones underneath, then tuck the excess between the stones and Kadai.
4. Now fill with soil and compost and plant in the knowledge that excess water will freely drain away.

### Tips:

- *For plants that require very dry ground, use a free draining soil.*
- *For plants that require constantly damp soil, adding a plastic membrane on top of the permeable membrane will help retain the water from draining too quickly. Ensure that the plastic membrane is smaller than the permeable membrane to allow some drainage of water round the edges.*

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