Growing Potatoes in a Bag

Each of site should have 2 black cloth grow bags and 10 potato pieces.

Step 1: roll down the sides of the bag until it is about 6 inches tall (as you would if it were a sock)

Step 2: put about 5 inches of potting soil in the bag and level it off.

Step 3: plant 5 potato pieces in the potting soil evenly spaced (make a square with the pieces – one on each corner, then one in the middle)

Step 4: take the bag outside to a location where it can get at least 6 hours of sun each day.

Step 5: water the potting soil - check it daily, it should be moist but not soggy.

Step 6: watch the plants grow –

Step 7: as the potatoes grow you will need to add more potting soil to the bag and roll up the edges. Wait until all 5 of your potatoes grow to about 6 inches tall before adding more potting soil.

As the potatoes continue to grow, keep adding the potting soil and rolling up the edges of the bag. The bag allows water to drain adequately but you can over water (be careful not to get the soil too soggy).

In about one month your bag should be completely full of potting soil and your plants will be almost fully developed.
Step 8: Keep the plants watered and healthy.

Once the potato plant has reached maturity it will begin to turn yellow and die. When this happens (3-4 months after planting) you will stop watering the plant and let it completely die back.

Step 9: Empty the bag and have the kids find the potatoes.

Step 10: let the potatoes dry for a day or so, brush off any remaining dried dirt and store in a cool dry place. Note – do not store in plastic bags.
You can grow potatoes in a pot as well. When you do however, they have a tendency to crowd and produce some fun looking spuds. Say hello to my friend Homer!