



How to Grow Moss

If you want to grow moss between stones in a pathway or even make a pathway out of moss (it will not take much trampling, so it should be a seldom-used pathway) there are a few things you need to know. The first thing you'll need to grow a moss is a shady area. Look at your landscape and when you acquire your moss try to find one growing in conditions as close as possible to the ones you will be providing. Different varieties of moss will survive in different degrees of shade, but all mosses need some level of shade.

Mosses also generally grow in damp areas and for the most part, need an acidic soil. One way to speed up the growth of your moss (obtained either on your own property or from someone else's with their permission or by purchasing it) is to make a moss slurry.

With a moss slurry you can cover a large area faster, but it will take a few weeks to more than a month to really become established. To make the slurry, mix 2 parts moss, 2 parts water, and one part buttermilk in a blender. Blend thoroughly and then spread the mixture over the area where you would like the moss to grow. Keep misted with water (never let it dry out completely) until the moss has established itself. You may not want to use a blender that you will be using for food in the future.

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