

# Wisconsin Berry Growers Association

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## ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

### PLANTING POTTED STRAWBERRIES

Given the right growing conditions, strawberries can grow "like weeds."

Children will enjoy potting a strawberry plant, watching it grow and even harvesting fruit! Strawberry plants make lovely hanging baskets and the culmination of the unit might be a strawberry basket-gift to parent or guardian. Ever-bearing plants make a good choice for indoor gardens. Given light and moderately warm temperatures, they will blossom early and bear fruit 2 times a year. A clay pot and saucer or any appropriate sized container and saucer may be used. A small hole or two in the bottom is needed for proper drainage. The soil should be a mixture of potting soil, sand and peat moss.



Commercial potting soil is fine. Don't plant in outdoor garden soil. It doesn't drain well enough. You may obtain plants from a strawberry farmer, or you may order them from a nursery. You may order several varieties. Tri-Star is one recommended variety for hanging baskets. Planting instructions come with the plants.

A Wisconsin nursery that can supply plants:

[J.W. Jung Seed Company](#)

335 S. High Street

Randolph, WI 53957

Phone: 1-800-247-5864 or FAX 1-800-692-5864

Cost of strawberry plants is about 30¢ - 35¢ each plus shipping.

### STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE FOR 24

*Ingredients:*

- ❖ 2 quarts fresh strawberries, sliced and sweetened
- ❖ 2 pound cakes: these can be purchased at most grocery stores
- ❖ -cut each in 6 slices and then cut lengthwise to total 12 slices per cake
- ❖ Two cans (aerosol) of real whipping cream for topping.

*Directions:*

Hull, slice and sweeten the strawberries. Mash them slightly for extra juice. For each serving, place a slice of pound cake in a bowl, cover it with strawberries and top with whipped cream.

