

# Potting poplar

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## Propagating poplar stem cuttings

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1. Take stem cuttings from a healthy tree. Make sure at least two nodes are on each cutting. Cut away all or most of the leaves on the branch.
2. Wrap the cuttings up in moist paper towels in a ziplock bag. Add a little more water in the bag just to keep the twigs wet.
3. If stem cutting is harvested early in season (e.g. no leaves has developed) then place the cuttings in +4 for 2 weeks to break dormancy. Otherwise, simply move to step 4.
4. Grab a large tray of perlite and pre-wet it
5. Dip the twigs in rooting hormones. Plug them into the pot of perlite. Make sure at least one node is “underground”, i.e. dipped into hormone and plugged below surface of the perlite.
6. Put a large piece of Saran wrap over the twigs and keep the perlite and twigs moist at all times with a spray bottle.
7. Once a decent size of root has developed transplant the cuttings to soil.