

## Sowing Fast Plant Seed

### ***Each table:***

- Label 10 pots, following the example of the first one.
- Put 4 MiraCloth wicks in each pot. Make sure the pointed ends come out through the holes in the bottom of the pot, and the tops extend about 1 mm above the top of the pot
- Fill each pot halfway with moist soil mix.
- Scatter 5 fertilizer pellets on the soil in each pot.
- Add more soil, up to the bottom of the pot lip.
- Position the wicks so they extend out of the soil by about 1 mm.
- Use the butt end of a dissecting needle to make 6 little depressions in the soil for seeds, lined up with the numbers on the sides of the pot.
- Get seeds on toothpicks from your instructor.
- Carefully place one seed in each depression (6 seeds per pot), flicking them off the toothpick with the dissecting needle.
- Sprinkle vermiculite over the seeds to cover them.
- Water the seeds, using plastic transfer pipets, until it drips out of the bottom of the pot.
- Decide on a watering schedule, to ensure that the soil is kept moist.
- Take the pots upstairs to the environmental chamber.
- Conscientiously follow the watering schedule over the next week, taking care not to tip over any pots.