## PLANTING A SPIRITREE

Planting a Spíritree is a meaningful way of recognizing the deceased with a living, growing memorial. The ceremonial planting is a remembrance of the past and a renewal of life that restores the environment for years to come.

The planting process begins by selecting a suitable plot of land, one that would normally promote healthy plant growth. Next, select an appropriate plant: choose a small seedling, sapling, or young tree of a native species, with a stem diameter between 1/4" and 3/4" [6.5mm and 20mm]. We recommend consulting your local plant nursery for suggestions on choosing the right tree for your particular region and terrain.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The organic bottom shell of the Spiritree is fragile. Always handle it with two hands, held from the bottom. The Spiritree should never be grabbed or handled occentrically from one side; doing risks breakane.

There are no two Spiritrees alike. As with any handmade, artistic product, each Spiritree is distinct from one another, and variations in color, texture, and size are part of its uniqueness.

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- 1 ceramic top
- 1 organic bottom shell
- 1 fertilizer packet









Dig a small hole on the ground, a little larger than the size of the chosen plant's root ball, and plant the seedling, sapling, or young tree [be careful not to over-compress the soil]. Place the fertilizer packet next to the plant. The packet does not need to be opened, and will dissolve over time, releasing important nutrients to help your Spiritree grow. You can also add a small amount of peagravel around the tree to promote plant aeration.

2 Place the bottom part of the Spiritree on the ground, passing the stem of the plant through the middle protrusion of the organic bottom, and spread the ashes in a circular pattern.

Put the ceramic cover back on top of the organic bottom, and water adequately las per your plant's and area's requirement]. Visit your Spiritree often and watch it grow. The Spiritree is designed so that, when planted, its organic bottom will degrade as part of the intended cermination process.

The ceramic top should remain intact until the contained tree trunk grows large neough to break it. The disintegration-germination-growth period will vary from place to place and will be dependent on natural factors such as local precipitation, sunlight exposure, wind, and soil composition, as well as plant selection.

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