



## Step-by-Step: Propagate Hydrangeas from Stem Cuttings

1. ✂️ **Select a healthy stem:** Choose a non-flowering stem from the current season's growth (12-15 cm long).
2. 🪒 **Prepare the cutting:** Cut just below a node, remove the lower leaves, and trim the top leaves in half.
3. 🖌️ **Apply rooting hormone:** Dip the cut end in hormone powder or gel to encourage rooting.
4. 🌱 **Plant the cutting:** Insert into moist, well-draining potting mix with at least one node buried.
5. 🌫️ **Maintain humidity:** Cover with a plastic bag or place in a propagator to retain moisture.
6. 💡 **Provide indirect light:** Keep in bright, indirect light at 18-21°C and mist regularly.
7. 🌿 **Check root growth:** After 4-6 weeks, gently tug to test for resistance, indicating rooting.
8. 🔄 **Acclimatise and transplant:** Gradually remove humidity cover and pot into larger containers when roots are strong.