

ii) by cutting the leaf into wedges, a method which I prefer, as follows:

- (1) start off with a healthy, undamaged mature leaf.
- (2) lie it face down on a suitable cutting surface and remove the petiole, cutting close to the leaf blade with a very sharp, sterilised blade. (fig 4)
- (3) cut from the outer edge of the leaf through the umbo (where the petiole joins the leaf) between each of the main veins. (fig 5)
- (4) take each leaf wedge thus formed and trim it to a suitable length - 4 cms (1.5 inches) is ample. (fig 6)
- (5) dibble a hole in the cutting medium and insert the leaf wedge for one third of its length at a 45° angle. Firm in and water. (fig7)
- (6) roots and plantlets will grow from the cut end of the main veins just as happens when using complete leaves.

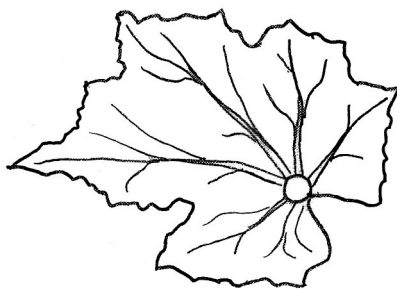


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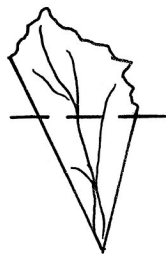


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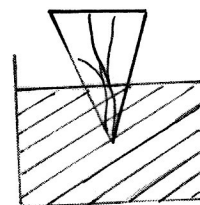


Figure 7