

weird seedpods



...that's weird!



Growing Instructions

Empty the gravel into the Seedpod. Place the coir tablet on top of the gravel and carefully add 70-80ml of warm water (1 capful). Watch the soil expand, it may need a little stir. Tear open your seed packet and gently press 4-6 seeds into the soil. Place in a warm, light position taking care to water regularly until the seedlings appear. Once the seedlings are large enough, follow guidelines below...



PUMPKIN

Pumpkin
Green Hubbard
These giant pumpkins are blue-grey in colour and the tough outer skin is warty like something from the deep!

Germination approx 9 - 10 days, well drained soil.

When seedlings are large enough to handle, plant outdoors, leaving plenty of space between plants for growth and spread.

Once the plants are mature, scoop out the flesh which can be eaten, and make a face out of the skin and create your own scary monster.



GOLDEN BERRY

Golden Berry
Physalis or Cape gooseberry, a plant known by three different names - that's weird!

Germination is good and very quick. These are grown in much the same way as Tomatoes. When large enough to transplant outdoors make sure to use a support for the tender plant. The lantern type fruits provide an ornamental look.

The fruits will develop into golden coloured shiny balls covered with a papery husk. Delicious as a garnish on any dessert.



MIMOSA

Mimosa pudica
Touch me not, (*pudica* is the latin for shy or bashful)

Try soaking the seeds in water overnight before planting, germination can be slow but it is worth the wait.

Once seedlings are large enough to handle, transplant to their final spot in the garden. Keep watered in Summer but sparingly in Winter.

Try to touch the growing plant to see what happens, if it will fold up and shrink away from your touch. Don't worry though, it will soon open up again.



SQUASH

Winter Squash
Cucurbita pepo or vegetable spaghetti. When cooked the inside can be scooped out like spaghetti. Vegetable spaghetti is low in calories, sweet and tasty. Boil, bake or microwave, there are a good selection of recipes for spaghetti squash available.

Germination approx 9-10 days, sow indoors in pots or containers in well drained soil.

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COTTON

Cotton
Germination should be 7-10 days, the seeds need to be planted in warm conditions. Soon after the plants have grown plant them outdoors on a south facing wall as they enjoy lots of sunshine.

After you have planted the seeds, you should not water them until approximately five weeks after the plants have emerged. From then on, water the young plants once every ten days. Then roughly 16 weeks after sowing the seeds, stop watering the plants altogether.

This causes the cotton plants to dry up and shed their leaves. The pods or cotton balls will then burst open revealing cotton fibre which should be left to dry.



LOOFAH SPONGE

Loofah
Vegetable sponge. Grown in the garden to use in the shower - that's weird!

Germination can be very slow as the roots need to form under the soil. Once large enough to handle, transplant to the garden in a warm spot with plenty of room to spread or climb. Grows on a vine and when fully grown resembles a cucumber.

Strip away the outer skin, save the seeds from inside to replant and take off to the shower with your very own back scratcher - not very pleasant to eat though!



OKRA

Okra
Ladies fingers as it is more commonly known. The seeds have a hard outer coating which if soaked overnight before planting will help the coating to split and speed up the germination process. Should take 10-21 days.

Once seedlings are large enough to handle, transplant to the garden but beware - Okra originated from Asia and Africa so it prefers warm weather and will not tolerate frosts.

Can be used to flavour soups and stews.



KOHLRABI

Kohlrabi
Resembles a 'sputnik' like its landed from outer space - that's weird!

Germination should take approx 10 days. When large enough to handle transplant to a sunny spot in the garden with good drainage making sure to allow room for the 'sputnik' to grow.

The globes should be pulled up for eating when they are between a golf ball and tennis ball in size.