



Blueberry

Lay sphagnum moss into a flat bottomed box. Place seeds evenly throughout the moss. Cover seeds with a thin layer of moss. Keep seeds and moss moist, by adding water to the mixture. Cover the box with newspaper and place in a warm room. Seeds thrive in temperatures between 60 to 70 degrees F.

Keep seeds in the newspaper covered box for about 1 month to allow seeds to germinate. Remove newspaper and check for new seedling, which are very tiny. Place the box with emerging seedlings in a sunny window. Water plants regularly.

TRANSPLANTING SEEDS:

Fill plastic pots with a mixture made of 1/3 peat, 1/3 sand and 1/3 soil. As seedlings reach 2 to 3 inches in height, transfer them from the moss box to the pots. Water newly potted plants liberally. Keep them in a sunny location. Add a liquid fertilizer after 2 to 3 weeks at half of the recommended usage to keep plants healthy and growing at a steady rate.

Plant blueberries outdoors after the threat of frost passes. Plants grow well when planted in straight rows on farmland, or as a ground cover in a landscaped yard. Be sure to water plants liberally throughout the summer. About November 1, cover the seedlings with straw or sawdust to prevent them from freezing. Remove mulch in the spring.

Fertilize the blueberry patch using a 10-10-10 fertilizer at a rate of 1 pound per 100 square feet. Continue to care for plants using these steps and they should bloom and produce fruit at 2 years of age.

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