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Gem Squash

- Choose your location wisely as gem squash need a lot of space to grow. They send out long vines and will take over your vegetable patch if you allow them to.
- Sow gem squash in a sunny spot in rich, well-drained soil. For best results add some compost to the soil before sowing for best results.
- Sow the seeds in rows 1m apart. Keep the soil moist, but not waterlogged as this will cause the seeds to rot.
- Mulching is not necessary as the large leaves of the squash plant provide similar protection from moisture loss.

WHEN TO HARVEST:

- Squash should be harvested in early autumn.
- The fruit is ripe and ready to be picked when the skin is too hard to pierce with your fingernails.
- Wipe them clean and store them in a cool, dark place for up to three months

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