



Tobacco

Sprinkle the tobacco seeds evenly on the top of a moistened seed tray soil mixture of half peat humus and half potting soil. You can also use seed compost. To spread the seed evenly, mix it with two parts of sand for every part of seeds. Make sure the seed is not buried in the soil, since tobacco seeds need light to germinate.

Place the seed tray in a propagator that has a constant temperature between 70 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit. If you don't have a propagator, cover the seed container with a sheet of light paper to keep the seeds from burning if they are exposed to bright sunlight. After the seedlings sprout, place them in an area with a temperature around 55 degrees Fahrenheit to facilitate growth.

Keep the soil damp but do not soak it with water. Check the soil often to make sure it doesn't dry out. Don't pour water directly onto the seedlings because the force can uproot them. Instead, use a misting bottle.

Replant the seedlings when they are 6 to 8 inches tall. Space them 2 feet apart in fertilized soil. Transplanting them in the evening or on a cloudy day will keep the tobacco plants from drying out. If you have clay in your soil, add some peat moss. Water your plants liberally every day and make sure they get a lot of sunlight.

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