

THE DIGGERS CLUB

EASY HEIRLOOM VEGETABLES AT HOME



THE PLAN FOR SUCCESS

This handy guide sets out what to plant, when to plant and how many plants you need, so that you can grow your own delicious summer heirloom vegetables from tried and tested heirloom seedling varieties at home.

Based on five 1m x 1m beds/boxes, you can set it out exactly as shown, or take the planting combinations and apply them to your own garden beds.

We have separated the beds into groups of plants that have the same growing and watering requirements to make groing them a breeze. We've also suggested our favourite vegetable varieties that produce a great harvest, or choose the varieties you like best and swap them into the plan instead.

PREPARE YOUR SOIL

Get your soil ready by weeding and digging over, preferably incorporating some well-rotted compost and a sprinkle of Vegie & Herb Fertiliser.

PLANT OUT YOUR SEEDLINGS

All annual vegetables and flowers need sun to perform at their best. Pick a spot that gets at least 6 hours of direct sunshine per day.

Try to rotate your beds each season and rotate your crops each year by growing an above ground crop followed by a below ground (root) crop.

HANDLING YOUR SEEDLINGS: Handle by the leaves as much as possible, to avoid disturbing the delicate root-ball. A quick dunk in a seaweed solution will help the seedlings settle.

PLANTING: After dunking the seedling make a hole slightly larger than the root ball. Don't plant too deep. It should be at the same level in the soil level, as it was in the pot. Firm the soil around the plant and create a slight dish-shaped depression about 10cm across.

WATERING. Water gently. A cup or two is fine. Water regularly, and more frequently as the weather warms up and the plants grow.

HARVEST YOUR VEGIES

We've selected varieties to maximise your harvest in small spaces. You should harvest approximately 30kg tomatoes, 1.2kg beans, 3kg beetroot, 7kg eggplant, 4kg capsicum and chillies, 14kg pumpkins plus up to 40 zucchinis!

You will also have 'cut-and-come-again' lettuce, basil, silverbeet, spinach and kale to harvest throughout the season.

GARDEN BED 1



TOMATO 'TOMMY TOE'

NO OF PLANTS 1

SPACING GROW UP TRELLIS
OR TEEPEE & TIE
REGULARLY



BASIL

NO OF PLANTS 2

SPACING PLANT ON OPPOSITE SIDES OR 25cm Apart

DWARF

BEAN 'ITALIAN ROMANO'

NO OF PLANTS 12

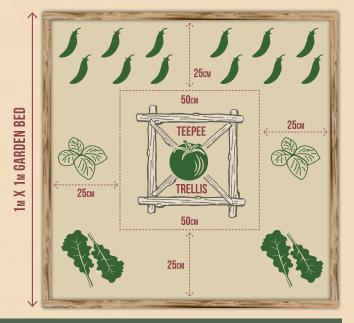
SPACING PLANT 2 ROWS 15cm apart at the Northern Side



SILVERBEET 'FIVE COLOUR MIX'

NO OF PLANTS 2

SPACING PLANT 1 AT EACH
CORNER AT THE
SOUTHERN SIDE



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GARDEN BED 2



TOMATO 'SUNRISE BUMBLE BEE'

NO OF PLANTS 1

SPACING GROW UP TRELLIS
OR TEEPEE & TIE
REGULARLY



BASIL

NO OF PLANTS 2

SPACING PLANT ON
OPPOSITE SIDES
OR 25cm APART



LETTUCE 'HEIRLOOM MIX'

NO OF PLANTS 4

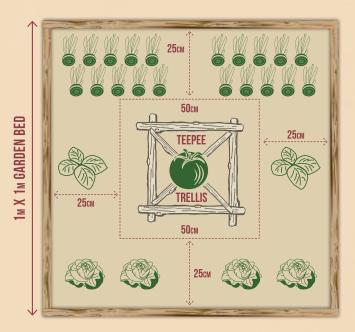
SPACING PLANT 1 ROW 20cm APART



BEETROOT 'HEIRLOOM MIX'

NO OF PLANTS 20

SPACING PLANT 2 ROWS 10cm APART



GARDEN BED 3



TOMATO 'MORTGAGE LIFTER'

NO OF PLANTS 1

SPACING GROW UP TRELLIS
OR TEEPEE & TIE
REGULARLY



EGGPLANT 'LISTADA DI GANDIA'

NO OF PLANTS 2

SPACING PLANT 1 AT EACH
CORNER OF THE
SOUTHERN SIDE



SPINACH 'BLOOMSDALE'

NO OF PLANTS 4

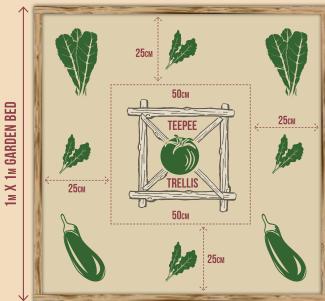
SPACING PLANT IN THE GAPS



KALE 'TUSCAN BLACK'

NO OF PLANTS 2

SPACING PLANT 1 AT EACH CORNER OF THE NORTHERN SIDE



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GARDEN BED 4



CUCUMBER 'SWEET & STRIPED'

NO OF PLANTS 2

SPACING PLANT ON OPPOSITE ENDS OF A TRELLIS



CAPSICUM 'MINI SWEET MIX

NO OF PLANTS 2

SPACING PLANT 1 AT EACH
CORNER OF THE
SOUTHERN SIDE



CHILLI 'JOE'S LONG CAYENNE'

NO OF PLANTS 4

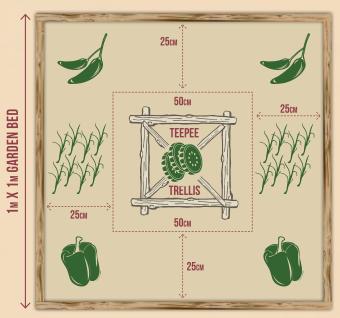
SPACING PLANT 1 AT EACH Corner of the Northern Side



SPRING ONION 'RED'

NO OF PLANTS 16

SPACING PLANT 8 ON OPPOSITE SIDES 5cm APART



GARDEN BED 5



PUMPKIN 'DELICATA MINI SWEET'

NO OF PLANTS 4

SPACING PLANT 2 IN THE SAME HOLE IN EACH CORNER OF THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF THE BED



ZUCCHINI 'BLACK BEAUTY'

NO OF PLANTS 4

SPACING PLANT 2 IN THE SAME HOLE IN EACH CORNER OF THE NORTHERN SIDE OF THE BED

