

North Spore

Black King Fruiting Block



Thank you for purchasing a mushroom grow kit from us! Please read through the detailed FAQ on our website www.NorthSpore.com and make sure to follow us on Instagram! @northsporemushrooms

Your black king fruiting block kit is an amended sawdust block that has been completely colonized by mycelium. Before opening your bag at all, you should observe your block closely through the plastic. You want to watch for the development of baby mushrooms (also called 'pins' or 'pinsets').



Once your block has developed pins, you want to cut around the circumference of the bag one to two inches above the block while leaving a two-inch section uncut. This should allow the bag to form a clamshell-type enclosure around the block. You should be able to both cover the block with the bag and pull it back to reveal the block to the open air.

Black kings needs proper humidity and ventilation to survive. They especially love colder locations. Place your sliced bag in the most humid part of your home and away from direct sunlight.



We suggest putting your bag in a BoomRoom or on a kitchen counter somewhat close to a sink. The top of the bag that can clamshell open or closed will act as a humidity tent for your block. Think of it like maintaining a terrarium. Keep in mind that mushrooms exhale CO₂ and inhale oxygen. They will suffocate themselves if there isn't adequate airflow!

Harvest your black king mushrooms when they resemble the one in the photograph on the front of your kit! Harvest before the caps flatten out and become concave. They grow quickly, so when you spot your first mushroom pins, keep a close eye on them. The warmer the environment, the faster they will grow. Black king mushrooms should be ready to harvest three to seven days after pin formation.



Second flushes are somewhat difficult with black kings, but give it a try! We recommend giving your block a one-week break between fruitings. Simply leave it alone on your kitchen counter, soak your block in cold water for 20 minutes after one week, drain any water that may have become caught in the bag, and then restart the process of spraying your blocks with water daily.

IF YOU PLAN ON CONSUMING YOUR HOME-GROWN MUSHROOMS MAKE SURE TO COOK THEM THOROUGHLY. IF IT IS YOUR FIRST TIME EATING THIS SPECIES, IT IS BEST TO START WITH A SMALL AMOUNT TO SEE HOW YOUR BODY RESPONDS!