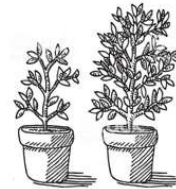


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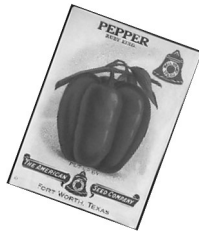


Seed Starting



Starting plants from seed is one of the easiest ways to save money on plants. In addition, you are able to find a wider variety of plants- especially herbs and vegetables, and you will have the satisfaction of growing your plant from beginning to end! Here's how-

Choose Your Seed Packets: Choose herbs and vegetables you and your family enjoy or flowers that will make nice bouquets. When you are picking out what you want to grow from seed, be sure to look at the back of the seed packet. There is a wealth of information back there, including days to germination. This means how long till the seeds burst through the soil with their first set of leaves. Days to germination is important if you will be starting multiple things from seed. It will aid in planning when you repot your seedlings or transplant them out into the garden.



Container and Soil:

What kind of plant you are starting will help you in deciding what kind of container you'll use to grow in. Some plants, like cucumbers and other squashes, are sensitive to transplanting. You want to minimize the amount of handling you do with them, so a larger container to start with would be best with these.

