

## Your kit contains the following components:

### Biodegradable Growing Pots



X4

ideal for seed starting. The pots can be transplanted directly into the ground at a later stage.

### Peat Soil Discs



X4

Made from a unique mixture of peat and coconut. Expands 6-7 times of its original size when watered. Ideal soil mixture for seed starting.

### Plant Markers



X4

Allows you to label each pot. Write the seed's name and sowing date.

### Seeds: 1 Packet Each

#### Purple Carrot



Sowing depth: ½ inch.  
Time to germination: 10-20 days.  
Time to harvest: 55-75 days.  
Ideal sowing season: Sow seeds indoors 6-8 weeks before the last frost in spring.

Special instructions: Weeds can be a problem due to the long germination time careful weeding is a must. Thin to 2-3" apart once seedlings have come up. For longer harvest, stagger plantings every 2-3 weeks.

#### Lemon Cuke Cucumber



Sowing depth: ½ inch.  
Time to germination: 7-15 days.  
Time to harvest: 60-75 days.  
Ideal sowing season: Sow indoors 3-4 weeks before last frost.

Special instructions: After sprouting, thin to leave 1-2 seedlings in the biodegradable pot, and transplant the entire pot directly into the ground.

#### Romanesco Broccoli



Sowing depth: ½ - 1 inch.  
Time to germination: 10-20 days.  
Time to harvest: 75-90 days.  
Ideal sowing season: Spring. 4-6 weeks before the last frost.

Special instructions: After sprouting, thin seedlings to keep only the 2 strongest ones in the pot, and transplant the entire biodegradable pot directly into the ground. After 2 weeks, thin again to leave only the strongest one and let it grow.

#### Black Corn



Sowing depth: 1 inch.  
Time to germination: 7-15 days.  
Time to harvest: 80-120 days.  
Ideal sowing season: Sow seeds indoors 4 weeks before the last frost in spring.

Special instructions: After sprouting, thin seedlings to keep only the 2 strongest ones in the pot, and transplant the entire biodegradable pot directly into the ground. After 2 weeks, thin again to leave only the strongest one and let it grow.

Once you are ready to sow & grow one or more of the seeds in the kit, follow this step-by-step guide to achieve best possible results.

### 1 Pre Sowing

A day before sowing the seeds, soak the seeds in hot water for 24 hours. The seeds will absorb the water and swell. This process will improve the chance for germination.

### 2 Prepare your work space

• Step 1 - Before you begin, read carefully the information about the specific seed you are about to sow from the previous page. Make sure to check for special instructions, if

there are any. You can find online the expected last frost date based on your ZIP code. Following these instructions will increase your success rate.

- Step 2 - Grab a plant marker from the kit, and write the seed's name and current date on it. We recommend using a black marker. Keep it nearby, you will use it soon.
- Step 3 - Take one of the biodegradable growing pots and keep it nearby, you will use it soon. Notice that the pots have drainage holes at the bottom, so you might want to place it on a water resistant surface.

### 3 Expand the peat soil discs

- Step 1 - Grab a big bowl and place one soil disc inside it.
- Step 2 - The soil discs expand faster when in contact with hot water. Heat 1-2 litres of water to approximately 122°F; This is the ideal temperature for expansion.
- Step 3 - Pour half a glass of the heated water directly on top of the soil disc. This will soften the dry surface tension around the disc.
- Step 4 - Add small portions of water to the bowl (not directly on the soil disc), and watch how the soil expands. Repeat this process until the soil disc reaches 6-8 times its original size.  
**DO NOT** touch the disc while adding water as it can break inside the bowl. After 5-10 min, to make sure the disc has reached its full size, gently touch the soil to look for any hard, unexpanded pieces.
- Step 5 - Let the expanded soil cool down for a couple of minutes before sowing the seeds. Gently squeeze the soil to remove excess water.

### 4 Sow the seeds

- Step 1 - Gently break the soil using your hands and place it inside the biodegradable pot until it is almost full. Keep a small portion of soil aside, you will use it to cover the seeds after you sow them.

- **Step 2** - Pour the entire content of the seed packet into the palm of your hand. Some of the seeds may be very small, so be careful not to drop them. Using your other hand grab 6-7 seeds, and gently sprinkle them evenly across the pot's surface. If your packet arrived with more seeds in it, you can keep the extra ones in a sealed envelope or a plastic bag and store it in your refrigerator or freezer for future use. Don't forget to label it.

**DO NOT** sow more seeds than instructed in one pot. If you do, it will harm the chance for germination and proper plant growth.

- **Step 3** - Cover the seeds with the remaining soil you kept aside, according to the instructed sowing depth for each seed.

- **Step 4** - Gently tighten the top layer of the soil to make it a bit flatter and firmer.

*Well done!!*

### **What's Next?**

After the seeds germinate, when the seedlings reach 3-4 inches in height, they will start competing with each other for space, water, sunlight and nutrients. In order to allow your seedlings to grow bigger and stronger, they will need more space. You can do so by "thinning" the weaker ones to create more space for the stronger ones to continue their growth. Simply take a pair of kitchen scissors or garden shears and cut the weaker looking seedlings' stems right at the soil level, leaving the remaining stronger ones spaced about 2 inches apart.

Once thinned, transplant the entire biodegradable pot outdoors directly in the ground in a sunny location, or alternatively put it in a large container, add soil mix and place it in a sunny location.

**IMPORTANT** - If you decide to transplant the pot outdoors, the seedlings need to be slowly introduced to the elements of wind and intense sun. You can do so

by placing the pots outdoors in a semi-shaded area of the yard for 2-3 hours a day. Gradually, you will increase the time plants are kept outdoors and their exposure to the sun. After 6 to 8 days, these plants will be ready for the outdoor life.

### **Additional tips:**

- **SEEDS LOVE SUN.** Place the growing pots next to a window or any other place that is exposed to a lot of sunlight. The seeds in the kit need at least six to eight hours of sunlight per day to grow. Avoid direct sun light during germination. Give the growing pot a quarter turn each day to prevent the seedlings from developing weak, elongated stems.
- **WATER REGULARLY** Make sure to water when the soil begins to dry out. Keep soil moist but not saturated.
- **KEEP MOISTURE LEVEL CONSTANT** by securing a plastic wrap over the surface of the seed pots. This can help with keeping the moisture level constant and will support the germination process. If you choose to do so, keep in mind that the pots must still be checked daily for moisture and germination. As soon as the seeds germinate, remove the plastic wrap.
- **AVOID FROST.** During the winter, If the temperature in your area reaches below 32°F, cover the plants with a tarp or an old blanket, or alternatively build a simple greenhouse to help your garden make it through those tough months.
- **KEEP THE POTS IN A WELL-VENTILATED AREA.** This will help prevent diseases caused by Fungi, Bacteria and Viruses.

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