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Suggested varieties: *Greenfinch*, *Martlett*

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PLANT



Plant pot grown or bare root bushes with at least four evenly spaced stems. Space 100-150cm apart. Choose well drained soil in sunny or part shaded, sheltered site

GROW



Water, mulch, feed. Reduce length of main stems by half in second year and thereafter shorten longer side shoots. Can also train as 'fan' shape or 'cordon'

EAT



Thin alternate fruits when 1 cm long, leaving others to grow on. Pick when fully coloured with a short stalk (the skin can tear otherwise). Plants are self-fertile

Growing guide

Give it a go...

Average time to harvest

From 18 months

Equipment needed

Feed, mulch (eg compost)

When to prune

Winter or early spring

Average plant size

100cm tall and wide

Family group to grow with

Grossulariaceae: blackcurrant

Seed saving group

5 - Specialist or not applicable

Key nutritional content

Vitamin C

Spring Term			Summer Term				Autumn/Winter Term				
J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D

■ Sow indoors

■ Sow outdoors

■ Plant out/transplant

■ Harvest

■ Use cloche

2.5cm = 1 inch 30 cm = 1 foot