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Suggested varieties: *Honeydew Green Flesh, Troubadour, Sugar Baby, Sweetheart F1*

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PLANT



Sow seed in pots, 1.5cm deep on their side. Transplant seedlings 90cm apart in a greenhouse or cold frame. Choose fertile moist soil and sunny sheltered site

GROW



Water, feed. Tie shoots to wires or let trail. Remove growing tip of main shoot when 100cm long and tip of side shoots after five leaves; fruit forms on subsequent side shoots

EAT



Rub female flowers with male to pollinate (latter with thin stalk). One melon per shoot (remove tip two leaves after fruit). Place fruit on tile or hang in netting. Cut melons when ripe

## Growing guide

Trickier

## Average time to harvest

From 16 weeks

## Equipment needed

Feed, netting, tile

## Germination time

5-8 days

## Average plant size

100cm tall and wide

## Family group to grow with

Curcubits: cucumber, pumpkin

## Seed saving group

2 - Annual, can cross-pollinate

## 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