**3 Easy Steps to Crop Rotation**

1. **Divide your growing area into different sections.** This can be different beds, or sections of a bed. We’ve created 4 different areas (see below)

2. **Sort into families the vegetables you want to grow**
   - **Alliums:** Onion, garlic, shallot, leek
   - **Brassicas:** Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, kale, kohl-rabi, oriental greens, radish, swede and turnips
   - **Legumes:** Peas, broad beans, French and runner beans
   - **Solanaceae:** Potato, tomato
   - **Roots (various):** Beetroot, carrot, celeriac, celery, Florence fennel, parsley, parsnip (nb swedes and turnips are brassicas)

3. **Plot where you will plant your veg families in sequence, in different areas, each year.**

It’s that simple!

In the charts below we have included Spring and Autumn planting. This helps you choose which crop to plant to replace one you have already harvested.

**Just 3 other things to remember:**

Add compost when indicated – to keep your soil in tip top condition

Leave a corner or space for perennial plants such as rhubarb and comfrey.

Try growing green manures (plants which will benefit your soil) – they’ll fit into your rotation plan.
Here’s an example of a 4 year rotation plan, over 4 different plots.

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