

Melon

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

Fruit

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

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