

Sowing Seeds

S6. How to sow seeds

Read the article then answer the questions. You could also use it to sow your own sweetcorn!



WHEN TO SOW
April to May

YOU WILL NEED

- ◆ a packet of sweet corn seeds
- ◆ peat-free potting compost
- ◆ 7cm pots, recycled cardboard tubes or newspaper pots made in advance
- ◆ a compost scoop, trowel or top end of an old plastic bottle
- ◆ plant labels
- ◆ pencils
- ◆ watering can
- ◆ gardening gloves (optional)

SEED SOWING

Sowing seeds is easier than you think! Follow our step by step guide to sowing sweet corn in pots indoors.









HOW TO SOW

- 1.** Scoop compost into the pots so they are a little overfilled.
- 2.** Tap the pots lightly to consolidate the compost and remove large air spaces. Leave a gap about 1cm deep at the top.
- 3.** Use your finger to make a hole about 2.5cm deep in the middle of each pot.
- 4.** Place one sweet corn seed into each hole.
- 5.** Tap the pot lightly to refill the hole.
- 6.** Water the pots using a watering can with a rose attachment. Give enough water to moisten all the compost but take care not to overwater.
- 7.** Write labels for the pots and put them on a sunny windowsill or in a greenhouse.

LOOK AFTER YOUR SEEDS

Keep the compost moist. Don't overwater!

Seeds should germinate in 10 days.

Plant out when 10-15cm tall.