

How to Grow Purple Beauty Peppers from Seeds

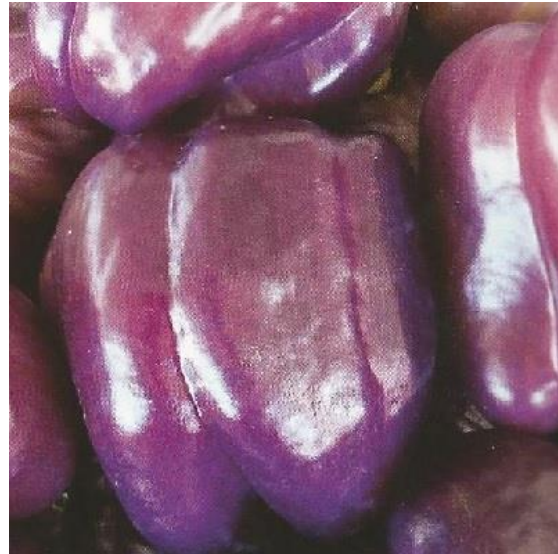


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Purple Beauty Peppers are sweet peppers that are a popular vegetable grown in many home vegetable gardens across the country. The attractive, compact Purple Beauty Pepper plants are not only productive, but compliment many gardens with their color. Purple Beauty peppers are a vibrant purple at full maturity.

When fully mature, Purple Beauty Peppers are considerably sweeter than many other varieties. I personally like chopping them up and adding them to a morning omelette or an afternoon salad. Purple Beauty peppers are so versatile they can be used in many other culinary applications such as being stuffed, stews and casseroles.

Seed Growing Instructions for Purple Beauty Peppers

Planting Depth	Seed Spacing	Spacing Between Rows	Days to Germination	Spacing After Thinning	Days to Maturity
1/4"	2"	24" to 30"	14 to 21	18" to 24"	78 to 80

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When and Where to Plant Your Purple Beauty Pepper Seeds

About seven to eight weeks prior to the final frost in your area, it is recommended that you start your Purple Beauty Pepper seeds indoors with a [grow light system](#) combined with a [heating mat setup](#). If you are fortunate enough to have a greenhouse that is heated, even better. You can also start them on a window sill, but after awhile, they will get leggy.

Once the fear of frost has passed, and soil has warmed, transplant your Purple Beauty Pepper plants to a location that drains well and receives a full days worth of sun. Make sure the soil your planting your Purple Beauty Peppers into is loose and weed free.

Mix in plenty of [compost](#) into your soil prior to planting.

How to Care for Your Purple Beauty Pepper Plants

Many varieties of peppers like it dry, but not too dry. I have found best results when I keep my soil moist by watering once per week with a long deep, watering. Your area and climate may differ, but when in doubt, keep your soil moist.

As with any other garden make sure you keep it weed free. I like to put down a [weed barrier](#) first (usually layers of newspaper) then cover the weed barrier with mulch (I like to use straw).

Finally, make sure you feed your plants every four to six weeks with a good [organic fertilizer](#) to ensure your Purple Beauty Pepper plants are getting the nutrients they need to survive and thrive.

How to Harvest Your Purple Beauty Peppers

To avoid injuring your Purple Beauty Pepper Plants, carefully cut or snap off the peppers along with a short piece of stalk. Full size Purple Beauty Peppers can be picked when they are a bright purple. That is when I find they are the sweetest.

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