



## Instructions: Strawberry



STEP 1

Place the growing medium pellets in a bowl. Add 2-1/4 cups lukewarm water. The pellets will expand as they absorb the water and turn into growing medium. Fluff the growing medium with a fork, adding more water if necessary.



STEP 2

Add 3/4 of the growing medium to the container, reserving the rest to cover the seeds.



STEP 3

Open the seed packet carefully over a paper towel or paper plate. Strawberry seeds are very tiny and easy to lose; they may even be lodged in the sides of packet. Sprinkle all the strawberry seeds evenly over the surface of the growing medium. For optimal results, refer the germination tab for further tips on planting strawberries.



STEP 4

Lightly cover the seeds with a tiny bit of growing medium, no more than 1/4" depth.

## Care:



WATERING

Use a fine mist or gently sprinkle water on top to moisten. Water daily with a fine mist to keep moist. A spray bottle is a perfect tool to water your plants. Do not over water.



LIGHT

Place in a warm, sunny location. For best results, rotate the pot often so all sides receive equal sunlight.



GERMINATION

For enhanced results, prior to planting the seeds wrap them in a damp paper towel, place in a clear plastic zip-lock bag and put in a sunny location for 15-20 days allowing seeds to germinate. Germination requires consistent temperature and moisture; remoisten paper towel if it dries out. Then carefully press the root into the growing medium with the sprout on top. Days to germination: Strawberry 10-21

TRANSPLANTING

Depending on how many plants you have been able to grow, you want to be sure to 'thin out' the plants to give them enough space to grow in the container. Leave the 5 strongest, healthiest plants in your container. Remove all others. It is best to snip the unwanted plants with small pair of scissors at ground level. Attempting to pull out the extra seedlings may harm the root systems of the seedlings you want to keep. Or if you desire, you may transplant the others to your garden or to a bigger pot. To transplant, moisten and carefully separate the delicate plants taking special care not to damage the stems or roots while moving. A dinner fork is a great tool to assist you in removing the seedlings. Once the remaining seedlings have reached 5" in height transplant them to a bigger pot or to your garden (after danger of last frost has passed).



FERTILIZER

It is important to feed your plants. Use a standard plant fertilizer when your seedlings are 2"-3" in height and follow the instructions on the fertilizer packaging.