

Black-Eyed Susan

Black-Eyed Susans have been used by a number of First Nations communities as a medicinal poultice to treat a number of infections, including cold and flu. You'll love the bright look of this plant in mass plantings or in larger containers.

Type: Annual

Height: 5-8cm (2-3")

Exposure: Full sun

Difficulty: Easy



Growing

Sow indoors 6-8 weeks before the last frost or direct sow about 2 weeks before the last frost.

Sow seeds on the surface of the soil. Thin or transplant to stand 30cm (12") apart. In hot summers, some afternoon shade is appreciated. Top dress with a thin layer of well-rotted manure once a year. Keep watered in hot weather and deadhead regularly. Plants may self-sow, which should be encouraged.

Saving

Remove flower heads when the blooms have faded and turned brown. Dry the seed heads in a paper bag for about a week. Separate the chaff. Knock the seeds off of the seed head by placing them in a container with some coins or bolts. Put the seeds into a dated and labeled envelope and return to Brock!