Carrot (Organic)

Ya Ya is a smooth skinned, uniform carrot that performs all season long. Incredible flavour in summer that gets even sweeter after frost. Be sure to thin your carrots as early as possible to 4-10cm (1.5-4") apart in the row so the roots can grow nice and straight.

Matures in 65-70 days

Season: Cool season

Exposure: Full sun

Difficulty: Easy



Growing

Water soil deeply prior to planting. Direct sow the tiny seeds 5mm (¼") deep, 4 seeds per 2cm (1"), and firm soil lightly after seeding. Make sure the seeds are only just buried. Water the area with the gentlest stream possible and keep it constantly moist until the seeds sprout.

The softer and more humus-based the soil, the better. When soil is dry enough in spring, work it to a fine texture. Broadcast and dig in ½ cup of complete organic fertilizer for every 3m (10′) of row. Keep weeded and watered.

Saving

In the fall before the ground freezes, cut the leafy tops of the carrots to one inch. Layer the tops in a box between dampened sand or fresh sawdust and keep them at a cool, but not freezing temperature. In the spring, replant carrots a foot apart. It's best to harvest when the heads have ripe brown seeds that are starting to turn brown - this is usually around September. Remove the heads as they mature or entire stalks can be cut and cured for a few weeks. Put the seeds into a dated and labeled envelope and return to Brock!