

Pea (Vine)

Sweet, stringless pods are borne on 80cm (30") semi-leafless vines that do not require support. The pods are about 9cm (3 1/2") long and average 2 pods per node. Sow Sugar Lace II seeds for giant harvests of very sweet peas. Try planting as late as early August for harvests into October.

Matures in 68 days

Season: Cool season

Exposure: Full sun to partial shade

Difficulty: Easy



Growing

Sow seed 2cm (1") deep. After April 15th, sow seeds 5cm (2") deep. Space seeds 2-7cm (1-3") apart in the row. Do not thin. If the seeds fail to sprout, try to dig some up and check for rot or insect damage. The challenge with untreated pea seeds is to give them an early start but to avoid rot.

Use well-drained soil amended with finished compost. Add 2 cups of rock phosphate or bonemeal for 3m (10') of row. Plant along a trellis or fence for support as they climb.

Saving

Allow peas to fully mature (about 4-5 weeks past eating time). They will eventually become dry and hard. You will know when they are done when you shake them and hear them rattling around inside their pods. Remove the pea pod from the plant, open them up, and remove the seeds. Store on a plate for another day or so to ensure seeds are totally dry. Put the seeds into a dated and labeled envelope and return to Brock!