

Radish (Purple Daikon)

Mini Purple Daikon radishes are a beautiful variety with roots that are milder than its spicy, edible leaves. Gorgeous purple skin makes this radish a sight to behold. Perfect for fresh eating or pickling. Best grown in the spring or fall before the heat of the summer sets in.

Matures in 40 days

Season: Cool season

Exposure: Full sun

Difficulty: Easy



Growing

Radishes can be grown all season but they're easiest when sown just after the last frost date and again at the end of summer and into the fall. Sow seeds 5mm (¼") deep, 25 seeds per 30cm (12") in rows spaced 30-45cm (12-18") apart, and thin to 6-12 plants per 30cm (12").

The real secret to growing this little vegetable is speed. Sow a short row frequently, thin them quickly, keep them watered, eat them quickly, and sow some more.

Saving

To ensure viable seeds, save seeds from at least 5 plants. Radish fruits do not split open at maturity and can be left to dry in soil without fear of shattering. Fruits should be harvested when they turn brown and become brittle. This occurs between early and late summer. Fruiting branches can be cut as they mature or all at once when approximately two-thirds of the planting is seed mature. Use force to break seed pods and extract the seeds. Put the seeds into a dated and labelled envelope and return to Brock!