



GROW YOUR OWN WITH

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STRAWBERRIES



Strawberries can be grown in a variety of containers as long as they have good root space, a well drained, fertile, moisture retentive growing medium and are placed in a sunny but sheltered position. Old hanging baskets are good for keeping away from slugs and snails.



Container grown/plug plants can be planted anytime but usually available to buy from spring onwards. Purchase certified stock to guarantee plant health. Pre water the potted plant to hydrate it and help removal from the pot (which can then be reused to grow other plants and produce).



Half fill the chosen container with organic peat free multi-purpose compost. Holding the upturned potted plant in one hand, tap the base of the pot with the other hand and ease the plant out holding the stem between your fingers and the root ball in your palm. Remove any damaged, unhealthy foliage from the plant, check for pests and remove any weeds which may be growing in with the roots. Gently tease apart any roots which have become tightly pot-bound.



For small containers place one plant centrally or for larger, deeper containers use 2-3 plants positioned around the sides. Cover the roots with additional compost, ensuring the crown (central growing point where the stem meets the root) remains clear, and firm in.



Water generously and place in a sunny, sheltered, well-ventilated spot. Water regularly and consistently throughout the growing season to ensure the compost remains moist. However, avoid over-watering and splashing the berries as this may encourage mould and mildew.



Strawberries require full sun when fruits are ripening which, depending on the variety, can then be harvested from June onwards. This will be when the berries are fully red and they should be picked complete with the "plug" (stalk & sepals) attached.