

How to...

## Grow Sweet Peas *using grow tubes*



Stand the grow tubes in a seed tray and fill with seed compost. Firm down to around 2.5cm (1") below the top of the tube. Tie a piece of string around the tubes to stop them falling over.

Sow one seed in the middle of each tube and cover lightly with compost. Water thoroughly and allow to drain.

Cover tubes with a clear cover to keep warm (15-18°C), place in good light and keep the compost moist.

As seeds begin to germinate, remove the cover and space out the tubes to allow air to circulate around the roots. This prevents the tubes from biodegrading too soon.

Once the roots start to grow through the edge of the tube, it is time to harden off the plants. Place them outside in a cool, frost free position during the day, bringing them back in at night. The plants can be planted out after 7-10 days if the temperature remains above freezing.

When planting them in the garden provide them with a structure to grow up such as trellis or an obelisk, and feed them with an all round fertiliser such as Vitax Q4.



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Top Tip

Once your plants start flowering, keep cutting the flower stems to encourage more blooms. Sweet peas make excellent cut flowers – they smell lovely and look gorgeous displayed in any container, even a clean, used jam jar!