

# How to Grow Crackerjack Marigold



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Marigolds are extremely popular and very easy to grow. A new gardener should start out growing marigolds to gain experience with growing flowers. You can grow these flowers in almost any color you want, from red to orange to white. If you have a packet of marigold seeds, you can expect to have a fully formed flower within a month of planting the seed. The only downside to planting marigold seeds is that you won't know if your batch of seeds is healthy until it starts to flower. You also have to be vigilant of insects that might destroy your marigolds.



**Difficulty:** Moderately Easy

## Instructions

### Things You'll Need

- Flower pot
- Soil
- Water
- Marigold seeds
- Compost soil



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1. Fill a flower pot with soil or plant each individual marigold seed in moist, fertile soil outdoors during the spring months. Space the seeds about a foot apart from each other and 1/4 inch down in the dirt.
2. Cover the seeds with loose soil in an area where they will receive direct sun for several hours a day.
3. Water your marigold seeds when the soil appears dry, but do not make the soil overly wet. Aim to keep it moist at all times. Add a layer of compost soil for extra nutrients.
4. Scatter mulch chips around your marigolds if you plant them outside. Mulch keeps weeds out and moisture in.
5. Allow your marigold seeds to grow for a month before picking them.

