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****Borage Planting Instructions****

****1. Timing:****

- ****Indoor Planting:**** Start seeds indoors 4-6 weeks before the last expected frost.
- ****Outdoor Planting:**** Direct sow seeds outdoors after the last frost date when the soil has warmed to at least 50°F (10°C).

****2. Location:****

- Choose a sunny spot in your garden. Borage thrives in full sun but can tolerate partial shade.
- Ensure the soil is well-drained. Borage is adaptable but prefers loamy soil with a pH between 6.0 and 7.0.

****3. Soil Preparation:****

- Prepare the soil by removing any weeds and loosening it to a depth of about 12 inches.
- Incorporate organic matter such as compost or well-rotted manure to enrich the soil.

****4. Sowing Seeds:****

- ****Direct Sowing:**** Scatter seeds on the soil's surface and cover lightly with 1/4 inch of soil. Space seeds about 12 inches apart to allow for mature plant growth.
- ****Indoor Sowing:**** Plant seeds in seed-starting trays with a light, well-draining potting mix. Cover seeds lightly with soil.

****5. Watering:****

- Keep the soil consistently moist but not waterlogged. Water gently to avoid displacing the seeds.
- Once established, borage is fairly drought-tolerant but benefits from regular watering, especially during dry periods.

****6. Germination:****

- Seeds should germinate in 5-15 days, depending on temperature and soil conditions.
- Thin seedlings to 12-18 inches apart once they are large enough to handle.

****7. Growing:****

- Borage plants can grow 2-3 feet tall and may require staking if they become top-heavy.
- Mulch around the plants to retain moisture and suppress weeds.

****8. Care:****

- Fertilization is generally unnecessary if the soil is well-prepared, but you can apply a balanced fertilizer if growth seems slow.



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- Deadhead spent flowers to encourage continuous blooming.

****9. Harvesting:****

- ****Leaves:**** Harvest young leaves for culinary use. They have a mild cucumber flavor and are best used fresh.
- ****Flowers:**** Pick flowers as they open. They are edible and make a beautiful garnish for salads and drinks.

****10. Pests and Diseases:****

- Borage is relatively pest-free. However, watch for aphids and treat with insecticidal soap if needed.
- Avoid overwatering to prevent root rot.

Following these instructions will help you successfully grow borage from Todd's Seeds and enjoy its benefits in your garden. Happy planting!

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