



**TODD'S
SEEDS**

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Here are detailed instructions on how to plant Todd's Seeds Fava Bean seeds:

Materials Needed:

- Todd's Seeds Fava Bean seeds
- Garden fork or tiller
- Compost or well-rotted manure
- Garden hose or watering can
- Stakes or trellis (optional, for support)

When to Plant:

- ****Spring Planting:**** Plant seeds in early spring as soon as the soil can be worked, typically 4-6 weeks before the last expected frost.
- ****Fall Planting:**** In mild climates, you can plant seeds in late summer to early fall for a winter harvest.

Soil Preparation:

1. ****Choose a Sunny Location:**** Fava beans prefer full sun but can tolerate partial shade.
2. ****Prepare the Soil:**** Use a garden fork or tiller to loosen the soil to a depth of about 12 inches. Fava beans thrive in well-draining, fertile soil.
3. ****Amend the Soil:**** Mix in compost or well-rotted manure to enrich the soil and improve its structure.

Planting the Seeds:

1. ****Soak the Seeds (Optional):**** Soaking seeds overnight in water can help speed up germination, though it's not strictly necessary.
2. ****Plant the Seeds:****
 - ****Spacing:**** Sow seeds 1-2 inches deep and 6 inches apart in rows that are 18-24 inches apart.
 - ****Planting Method:**** Place the seeds in the prepared soil and cover them lightly with soil.
3. ****Watering:**** Water the area thoroughly after planting. Keep the soil consistently moist but not waterlogged until germination occurs (7-14 days).

Care and Maintenance:

1. ****Watering:**** Keep the soil evenly moist throughout the growing season. Water deeply at least once a week, more frequently during dry spells.
2. ****Weeding:**** Keep the area weed-free to reduce competition for nutrients and water.
3. ****Supporting the Plants:**** As the plants grow, they may need support. Use stakes or a trellis to help keep the plants upright, especially if they are tall varieties or if you live in a windy area.
4. ****Mulching:**** Apply a layer of mulch around the plants to retain moisture and suppress weeds.



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Fertilization:

- Fava beans generally do not require additional fertilization if the soil is well-prepared with organic matter. However, you can side-dress with compost during the growing season if the plants appear to need a nutrient boost.

Harvesting:

1. **Timing:** Fava beans are usually ready to harvest about 3-4 months after planting, depending on the variety and growing conditions.
2. **Signs of Readiness:** Harvest when the pods are fully formed and green, but before they start to yellow or dry out.
3. **Method:** Gently pull the pods from the plant or use scissors to cut them off to avoid damaging the plant.

Tips:

- **Succession Planting:** For a continuous harvest, plant seeds every 2-3 weeks during the appropriate growing season.
- **Pest Management:** Watch for common pests like aphids and slugs. Use organic pest control methods if necessary.

Following these steps should result in a successful fava bean crop. Enjoy your gardening.

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