

## PLANTING LOG

PLANT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

LATIN NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EXPECTED DAYS TO GERMINATION \_\_\_\_\_

EXPECTED DAYS TO MATURITY \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Planting:

Date Seed Planted:

Number of Seeds Planted:

Germination Date:

Date of First Harvest:

Date of Last Harvest:

Pests/Problems:

Notes:

## Seed & Garden Starts This kit is designed for:

### Green Beans!

### Adults, Teens, Kids



Image from Johnny's Selected Seeds

### Provider Bean (Bush)

Easy to grow. Produces 5 1/2" fleshy, pod green beans. 50 days to maturity

#### SUPPLIES IN YOUR KIT

- Bean Seeds
- Planting log
- Recipes
- Coloring sheet
- Craft instructions
- Craft paper and tissue paper

#### SUPPLIES AT HOME

For planting:

- Soil
- Container and/or garden plot
- Water

### Seed Package Instructions:

**Culture:** In well-drained soil, sow seeds about 2 inches apart and 1 inch deep. Rows should be 20 – 36" apart. Also can be sown in containers, about 3 plants per gallon-sized container.

**Water:** Water as needed to keep soil moist, but not saturated, until germination (7-10 days). Control weeds and avoid soil compaction near plants

**Harvest:** Harvest beans when about 5" long. Keep harvesting regularly to encourage new beans to form.

#### SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE!

Share a story and a picture of your garden with us:

<https://aclibrary.libwizard.com/f/acl-seed-kits>



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# Recipes

## Pickled Green Beans

Yield: 2 pints

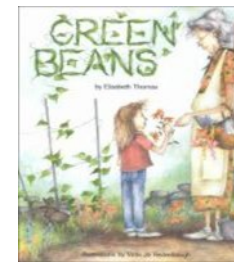
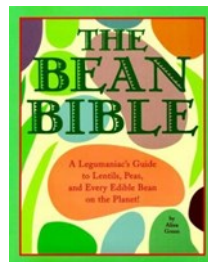
Prep time: 15 minutes + 24 hours      Cook Time: 10 minutes

Amount	Ingredients
1 lb	Green beans, rinsed & trimmed
2 cloves	Garlic
2	Dill sprig or 2 tsp. dill seeds
2 cups	Distilled white vinegar or apple cider vinegar
2 cups	Water
1 Tbsp.	Mustard seeds
1 Tbsp.	Kosher salt
1 tsp	Crushed red pepper flakes

1. Rinse and trim off the ends of the beans. Cut green beans to fit inside a pint mason jar. Place green beans standing up into the mason jar.
2. Add 1 clove garlic, 1 dill sprig or 1 tsp. dill seeds, 1.5 tsp. mustard seeds, and 1/2 tsp crushed red pepper flakes to mason jar. Repeat with second jar.
3. In a small saucepan add vinegar, salt, and water. Bring to a simmer over medium heat and stir to fully dissolve salt.
4. Pour the brine over the green beans, ensuring they are fully submerged. Leave 1/2" headspace in mason jar
5. Seal well and refrigerate 24 hours.  
Will keep in the refrigerator 2-3 weeks.

# Learn More

Find gardening books at the library! Go to <https://aclibrary.org/> and search the catalog using terms such as: **Gardening** or **Vegetable Gardening**.



Gardening information can also be found on the web at:

The California Garden Web: <http://cagardenweb.ucanr.edu/index.cfm>

UC Master Gardener Program of Alameda County: <http://acmg.ucanr.edu/>

## Community Spotlight



Urban Tilth is a community-supported agriculture organization based out of Richmond, CA. They grow their produce for schools, individuals & families in the community, and urban farms.

They supported families in need during the pandemic with free CSA boxes!

Check them out at: <https://www.urbantilth.org/>

## Little Window Greenhouse

Create a mini greenhouse and watch a bean seed sprout.

(recommended age: 5-8)

### Supplies

1-2 bean seeds

1 paper towel

1 ziploc bag

Paper house frame (see back), optional

Tape, to secure bag to paper frame

### Directions

1. Dampen paper towel with water and wring out.
2. Fold towel several times and place bean seeds with moist towel inside the ziploc bag and close bag.
3. Put the bag near or tape to a sunny window.
4. *Optional:* Cut out and decorate paper house frame and tape it to the front of your bag.

With sun and water, your bean should sprout in several days.

### Tips

- \* You may choose to soak your bean seeds overnight before placing them in the bag, to give germination a head start.
- \* If mold grows on paper towel, carefully replace it with a new damp towel.
- \* As your sprout gets larger, you may transfer it to another container.

