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'MASCOTTE' BEAN

Phaseolus vulgaris



Mascotte. This French Filet Bean is great for patio pots and window boxes! The first bean to win an All-America Selection in more than 25 years, Mascotte is exceptional in every way. It offers stringless, slender, crunchy beans packed with flavor and nutrition.



DESCRIPTION

Mascotte, a haricot bean, has vigorous dense, but very shallow roots. This means that unlike most other beans, it can grow quite happily in tall flowerpots, garden tubs, and window boxes. Of course, it's also content in the garden. In any event expect it to reach about 16 to 18 inches high and 8 to 10 inches wide.



USES

Best of all, the beans are stringless and set right on top of the leaves, for easy picking! The 5- to 6-inch pods are super-slender at just 1/4-inch diameter, yet packed with rich flavor and crunchy texture. They arise profusely over a long season. Eat 'em straight from the plant, raw in salads, or cooked in any of your favorite dishes!



GROWTH

Mascotte Beans do best in sandy/well drained soils with a normal to moist water range. This charmer also beguiles with unusually large, abundant white flowers in springtime. All beans bloom, but Mascotte is particularly striking with large flowers on compact stems. Just one more ornamental touch to win your heart!



CULTIVATION

Sunny, well-drained spot. Generally ready for harvest when they are between 6-7in/15-18cm long. They should be picked every 5 to 7 days as the plant will stop producing pods at such a rapid rate if the harvest is delayed and the pods are able to mature. When choosing which pods to harvest, look for beans that are firm, crisp and fully elongated, but do not have fully developed seeds. Pods should also be picked when they are completely dry, as picking beans when the plant is wet can increase the spread of disease. The beans should be stored in a cool dry area once harvested. This award-winner is also resistant to many diseases that plague other varieties. Bean common mosaic virus, anthracnose, and halo blight are no issue for Mascotte! So even if you're a first-time bean grower, you can be successful with very little effort! For more cultural help see our Organic Garden fact sheets under the 'Special Interest' section of the pull down menu on the home page of our website.



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