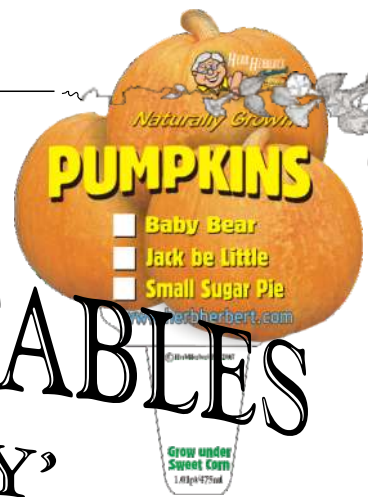


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PUMPKIN 'BABY'



DESCRIPTION

The Baby Pumpkin is a small and very sweet

pumpkin that is fun and easy to grow. They can be made into small Jack-O-Lanterns or can be used in pies, soups, roasts and in many other dishes! The pumpkins exterior is a bright orange color making it a very attractive and eye-catching decoration. The plant produces a median to high yield that bares fruits weighing around 1.3-2.2lbs/600-1000g. Pumpkin vines love to spread out and they have huge bushy green leaves and tendrils that sprawl out from the main stem. This doesn't mean you can't grow anything next to it, but be aware that they are a sprawling vine and you don't want to plant anything too near that will get caught in their undergrowth. They will creep over fences and buildings if you let them, stabilizing the huge weight of the vine with their tightly curling tendrils.

'Jack be Little' Miniature 2-3lb/.9-1.4kg fruits. 95 days.

Small 'Sugar Pie' 5-6 lb/2.3-2.7kg fruits that have stringless, sweet flesh. Great in pies.

100 days .

Baby Bear.

Fleshy 1-3lb with high yield. Used in pies and roasted snacks.



USES

As mentioned, this variety of pumpkin is not only known for its delicious taste but also for its decorative uses. Its thick skin makes it perfect for carving into but its flesh is also sweet making it great in pumpkin pies and soups and also for roasting.



GROWTH

Pumpkin seeds grow best in little mounds about 3ft/1m in diameter. You can put multiple seeds in each mound but it's important to thin the vines out as they grow. For the best big result, grow one pumpkin per vine. Recommended that you plant the seed about 1in/2.5cm deep and a seedling will take about 5-10 days to appear. Thin the patch out as

they grow and only keep the strongest plants as this variety needs lots of space. Give it plenty of water and make sure there is lots of fertilizer in the soil. Choose a sunny spot that gets at least 6 hours of sunlight per day. It will take about 100 - 110 days for the fruit to mature. About 80 to 90 per cent of every pumpkin is water so it's essential that the plant is well watered. Its huge leaves will protect it from sun dehydration and also act as a great ground cover to prevent weeds from springing up. Try to handle the fruit as little as possible.



CULTIVATION

There are a few signs that a pumpkin is ripe for the picking. The first is that the leaves of the vine will begin to look tired and tattered. The second is that the fruit will have turned a deep orange color, like a fiery sunset orange. When you cut the fruit from the vine, leave about 5in/13cm of stem attached to the fruit. This will help the pumpkin maintain its freshness. Allow it to ripen in the sun for about 10 days after picking but cover it at night if the frost is coming in.



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