

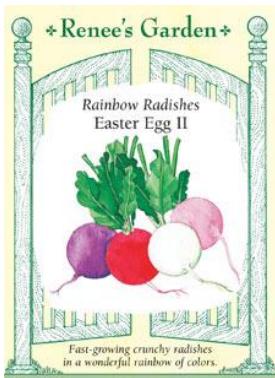
Kids! Grow Easter Egg Radishes

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HOW TO GROW EASTER EGG RADISHES

Easter egg radishes come in a range of shades from red to pink to white to purple. Winter radishes tend to be milder than those grown in spring. They are delicious added to salads, in an open-faced sandwich spread with butter, or as a snack all by themselves.

August through October is the best time for winter radishes, so plant your seed pot as soon as you can. It isn't recommended to start radishes indoors.



Find a spot in full or mostly full sun. If you want to grow your radishes in a container, make sure the pot is at least six inches deep and use a good quality organic potting mix.

When you are ready to plant, dig a hole deep enough to bury the pot so that the rim is below the surface of the soil. If the newspaper pot is exposed, it might wick water away from the plants. Radishes don't like to dry out, so be sure to keep them watered. Plenty of water will also make sure the roots can grow through the paper sides of the pot.

Radishes are FAST! They will sprout in about a week, and be ready to harvest in a month. Harvest them when they are about 1½" around. Don't let them get too big, as they will become soft and overly hot.