

Planting in pots

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Gather everything you need: pots, soil, seeds, heat mat, lights, water, method of watering that won't disturb seeds, plastic wrap, fertilizer

Soil – use seed starting mix, very light, not a source of plant nutrients

Pots – clean 10% bleach solution

Fill pots to within $\frac{3}{4}$ " of top, firm and level, water well. Let containers drain, soil needs to be sufficiently wet, not soggy

Place your seed in the soil according to directions, usually 2-4 times their diameter

Top with a light layer of mix

Cover to keep moisture in

Place in warm 70-75 degrees area for germination

Once they germinate, you can move them to cooler area, but still warm

Use half strength fertilizer every 2nd or 3rd watering

Harden them off before planting outside