Black Beauty



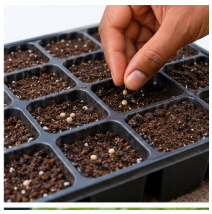
Eggplant / brinjal planting guide

Raise seedlings, then transplant

Plant after frost in settled warmth, with nights consistently above 10 C. Full sun.

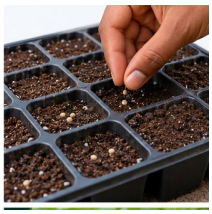
SEED DEPTH	FINAL PLANT SPACE	ROWS / DENSITY
5-10 mm	45-60 cm	75-100 cm

1. Sow in warmth



Sow 5-10 mm deep in clean, moist seedling mix. Keep warm for germination.

2. Give bright light



Keep seedlings in strong light and avoid saturated trays. Gradually acclimatise them before planting out.

3. Plant into warm soil



Transplant into fertile, well-drained soil, 45-60 cm apart in rows 75-100 cm apart.

4. Support developing fruit



Fit a stake early if needed. Keep root-zone moisture steady as plants flower and fruit develops.

Harvest: Cut fruit with its stalk while the skin is glossy and the flesh feels firm, before fruit becomes dull and overmature.

Growing note: Cold can check growth badly. Wait for suitable soil and night temperatures rather than relying on a calendar month.

Use local conditions and the current seed-lot label. Method illustrations show the practice, not exact cultivar appearance.

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The planting instructions use crop-level references checked on 18 October 2026. Depth and spacing are starting points. South African sowing windows vary with local frost, altitude, heat and rainfall; follow the current seed-lot label and supplier advice.

PLANTING REFERENCES

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