



NOX AND ROBIN'S

SEED

STARTING

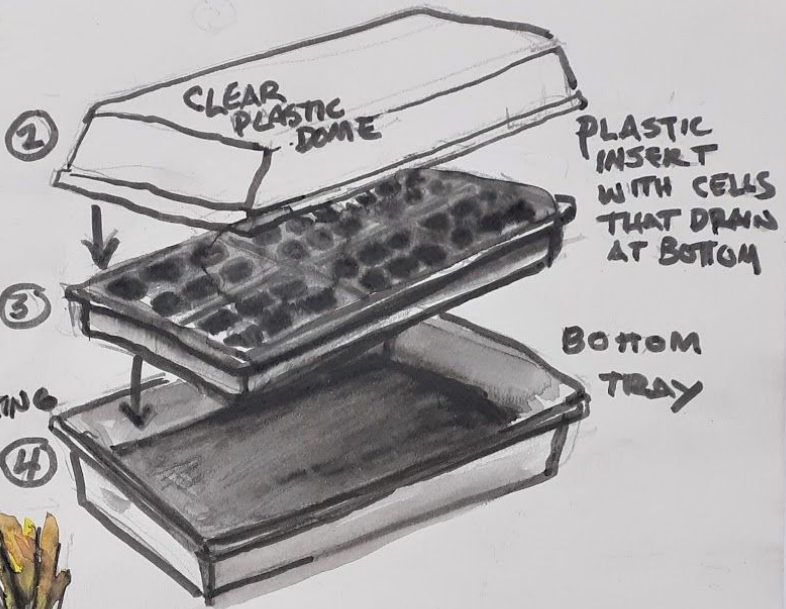
GUIDE



FOR WARM SEASON
CROPS
LIKE TOMATOES + PEPPERS



GET YOUR SUPPLIES READY...



YOU CAN SET UP YOUR SEEDS IN A WARM, SUNNY LOCATION BUT YOUR SEEDLINGS

WILL BENEFIT MORE FROM THE EXTRA LIGHT (14-16 HRS. PER DAY) AND HEAT OF A SHOP LIGHT AND HEATING MAT



AN ELECTRONIC THERMOMETER IS WELL WORTH THE EXTRA INVESTMENT



AS YOU CAN SET AND REGULATE

EXACT TEMPS FOR GERMINATION WHICH ARE A LITTLE HIGHER THAN THOSE FOR GROWTH





STIR WATER INTO SEED STARTING MIX

THEN FILL SEED TRAYS
Plant 2 seeds per cell



and thin out the one that germinates last or has less vigor

MAKE SURE TO GIVE SEEDLINGS ENOUGH WATER. THEY WILT QUICKLY IF THEIR ROOTS DESSICATE, BUT DON'T OVER DO IT. LET THE SOIL DRY OUT SOME BETWEEN WATERINGS.

WATER GENTLY!
try to wet the soil not the leaves



A MISTER/SPRAYER WORKS WELL...



... OR A SMALL WATERING CAN WITH A LONG SLENDER SPOUT

AFTER THE SEEDLINGS GET THEIR FIRST TRUE LEAVES, TRANSPLANT THEM INTO LARGER CELLS



TRANSPLANT WHEN THE ROOTS ARE JUST STARTING TO GROW BEYOND THE PLUG OF SOIL

DONT WAIT UNTIL ROOTS START CIRCLING AROUND THE PLUG



IF THEY DO GET ROOT BOUND, PULL THE ROOTS VERY GENTLY AWAY FROM EACH OTHER BEFORE TRANSPLANTING

TO KEEP SEEDLINGS GROWING WELL, GIVE THEM PROPER...

- NUTRIENTS - use a high quality seed starting mix
- WATER - Don't over or under do it
- HEAT - keep soil temps. at recommended levels for each crop (GERMINATION + GROWING TEMPS ARE OFTEN DIFFERENT).
- AIR (USE THE DOME TO KEEP THEIR ENVIRONMENT WARM AS SEEDS GERMINATE, BUT REMOVE IT ONCE DAILY SO THE AIR STAYS FRESH. ONCE GROWING TIPS OF YOUNG PLANTS PUSH AGAINST THE TOP, TAKE IT OFF).
- LIGHT - 14-16 HOURS PER DAY UNDER GROW LAMPS IS FINE
- SPACE - transplant at least 2x so roots and leaves don't get tangled together

IF YOU DO ALL THAT, YOUR SEEDLINGS SHOULD BE VIGOROUS AT PLANTING TIME WITH AN UPRIGHT, THICK STEM + GREEN, HEALTHY LEAVES

Plant when the soil is warm, after the last frost in your area.



NOT LEGGY LIKE THIS POOR PLANT



TO PROTECT AGAINST DROUGHT, PLANT TOMATOES SO THE SOIL LINE HITS JUST ABOVE THE COTYLEDONS (pinch them off before planting)

pull seedling gently by its stem from the cell



STRESSED, LEGGY PLANTS ARE MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO DISEASES + PESTS