

CUMMINGS GARDEN CLUB/ LE CLUB DU JARDIN CUMMINGS DIEP'S AND LAWRENCE'S TIPS ON GROWING PEPPERS



- 1.** In a container of crushed, red peppers – available in the spice shelves of your grocery store – choose the seeds that are not damaged by grinding.
 - Or take the seeds from jalapeño, serrano, or habanero peppers you can find in the vegetable section of your grocery store. Dry them.

- 2.** Place the seeds in a plate, small box, or container, between 2 layers of cotton wool, and pour a little water on them.
 - Keep the seeds moist. Wait several days until they sprout.

- 3.** Place 4 or 5 seeds that have sprouted in a small pot filled with black soil and cover the seeds. Don't place too much soil on them or they won't grow.
 - Keep the soil moist.

- 4.** Once the plants sprout, transplant the sprouts into other pots. The number depends on the size of the pots.
 - Be careful not to damage the tender roots.

- 5.** The pepper plants need plenty of sun to grow.

- 6.** When the plants flower, you need to pollinate them unless you have bees in your home. To pollinate them, take a Q tip and touch the interior of each flower to pick up the pollen and touch the Q tip to the interior of the next flower and so on.

- 7.** The petals of the flower will fall and the pepper will grow. It's up to you to decide whether you want to eat them or leave them for decoration.

- 8.** Then it's up to you to decide when to take them outside. If you decide to take them outside, make sure the plants are strong enough.