## BLACK BEAUTY

## Zucchini

Black Beauty Zucchini is an heirloom Summer Squash that produces 6 - to 8 -inch-long fruits. The outer skin is a dark green almost black color, with a creamy white inner flesh. Each plant grows to a mature height of roughly 12 to 24 inches tall, displaying a bush like growth habit.


## NOTES

VARIETY INFO<br>Botanical Name: Cucurbita pepo 'Black Beauty'<br>Plant Dimensions: 18-24"<br>Days to Maturity: 50<br>Zone: 3-9

## SOWING \& GROWING

Sow Outside: Sow after the last frost when the soil temperature is over $70^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. Sow 4 to 5 seeds $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}-1^{\prime \prime}$ deep into hills or rows. Space hills $3^{\prime}-4$ 'apart. When the seedlings are 2 "- 3 " tall, thin them to $2-3$ plants per hill. If planting rows, sow seeds 4 " apart in rows $3^{\prime}-4^{\prime}$ apart.
Start Inside: Start indoors 3-4 weeks before transplanting outside. Sow 3 or 4 seeds per pot and thin to one or two plants. Harden off seedlings gradually by cutting back on water and expose them to sunlight daily. Seedlings should have more than 2 to 3 true leaves prior to transplanting outside.
Days to Emerge: 3-10 Days
Seed Depth: $1 / 2-1^{\prime \prime}$
Seed Spacing: 2-8"
Row Spacing: 36-48"

## HARVESTING INFO

Harvest: Your Black Beauty Zucchini Squash will be ready for harvesting in roughly 50 days after the skin becomes tender and dark green. Check and harvest a few times a week. Cut or kindly twist off fruit, starting at a 3-4".
Fruit: 6 to 8 inch-long fruits. The outer skin is a dark green almost black color, with a creamy white inner flesh.

