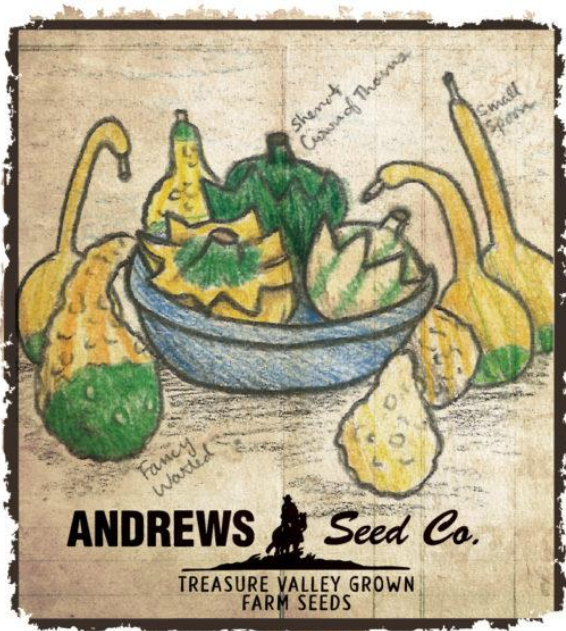


SMALL (MIXED)

Gourds

Attractive, early-maturing types including a small Apple, Pear, Spoon, Nest Egg, White Crown of Thorns, Yellow Wartyed, Small Orange, Flat Striped, and others.



NOTES

VARIETY INFO

Botanical Name: *Cucurbita spp*

Plant Dimensions: 36-48"

Days to Maturity: 120

Zone: 3-10

SOWING INFO

Sow Outside: For direct seeding, sow in late spring, when soil temperature is at least 70°F and danger of frost has passed. Sow 2 seeds at each spacing interval (above), 1" deep; thin to 1 plant per spacing interval after seedlings are established.

Start Inside: Sow 2-3 seeds per 2" container or plug flat about 3 weeks prior to transplanting date. If growing a mixed variety, sort seeds into groups by shape and size prior to sowing. Sow similar seeds in each cell or container to increase likelihood of obtaining full mix of plants and fruit types. Thin to 1 plant per container/cell with scissors. Harden off plants 4-7 days prior to transplanting.

Days to Emerge: 7-14 days

Seed Depth: 2"

Seed Spacing: 5-8"

Row Spacing: 18-24"

GROWING INFO

Harvesting: Harvest when color fully developed and stems are dry, but before hard frost. Cure out of direct sunlight at 80-85°F/27-29°C with good air ventilation for 5-7 days.

Wash fruits, dry, seal with furniture polish; use for displays. Store in dry, well-ventilated area until completely dried (3-6 months) prior to crafting use.