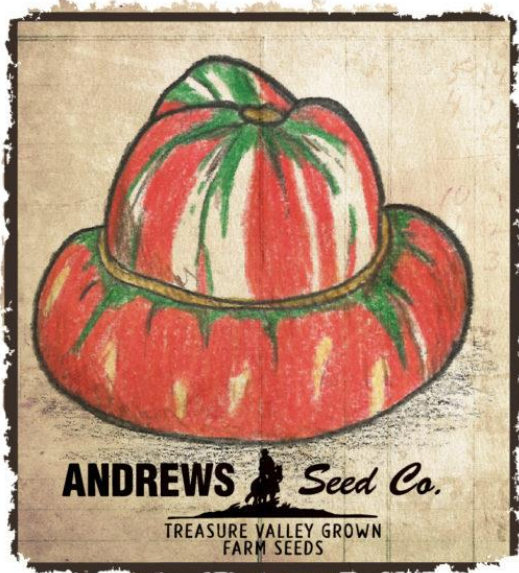


TURKS TURBAN

Gourds

Turks Turban Gourd is an heirloom, open-pollinated variety that dates back to the 1820s. These gourds resemble a turban with an enlarged stem end and smaller blossom end. The larger end is orange and has a diameter of 7-9", while the smaller end has beautiful silver, green and white stripes. Fruit's average 3-5 lbs and plants will average 2-3 fruits per plant. This is a great variety for fall decorating as fruits will maintain their vibrant color once harvested.



NOTES

VARIETY INFO

Botanical Name: *Cucurbita maxima* "Turks Turban"

Plant Dimensions: 24-36"

Days to Maturity: 90-120

Zone: 3-10

SOWING INFO

Sow Outside: After the last frost when the soil reaches at least 70°F. Sow 2-3 seeds per space/hill, 36-48" apart, in rows 48-60" apart.

Start Inside: 3-4 weeks before the last frost. Sow 2-3 seeds per cells/pots, thin to the strongest seedling. We like to use individual biodegradable paper, peat, or cowpots because it provides the least amount of stress to the roots when transplanting. Transplant after last frost when the soil warms to 70°F. Space 36-48" apart, in rows 48-60" apart.

Days to Emerge: 7-10 Days

Seed Depth: 1"

Seed Spacing: 36-48"

Row Spacing: 48-60"

Thinning: Not necessary

GROWING INFO

Harvesting: Harvest in the fall after a few frosts. Leaves and stems should be brown and dried and skin color faded. Require a long drying period; 3-6 months in a dry area with good ventilation. The gourds should not be touching each other.

Fruit: 2-3 fruits per plant which average 3-5 lbs.