Candystick Delicata Squash

Cucurbita pepo 'Candystick'



Candystick Delicata Squash fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

Vigorous and productive, an easy to grow variety perfect for kitchen gardens; produces long, tan skinned fruit with deep green stripes and thick, dense golden flesh; rich and sweet flavor, comparable to dates; an excellent choice for roasting and baking

Edible Qualities

Candystick Delicata Squash is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities. It produces tan long fruit with dark green stripes and gold flesh which are typically harvested when mature. The fruits have a sweet taste and a firm texture.

The fruit are most often used in the following ways:

- Cooking
- Baking
- Freezing

Planting & Growing

Candystick Delicata Squash will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 inches apart. This vegetable plant is an annual, which means that it will grow for one season in your garden and then die after producing a crop.

This plant is typically grown in a designated vegetable garden. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. This plant is a heavy feeder that requires frequent fertilizing throughout the growing season to perform at its best. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Candystick Delicata Squash is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing the canvas against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.