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***Pisum sativum var. saccharatum 'Sugar Lace'***



*Sugar Lace Pea fruit*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 30 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 6 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

**Description:**

An outstanding compact variety ideal for small garden spaces or containers; 30" long vines with interlocking tendrils produce loads of green, sweet and crunchy stringless pods; semi-leafless; good disease resistance

**Edible Qualities**

Sugar Lace Pea is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities. The entire above-ground parts of the plant are edible, and are typically harvested when mature. The edible parts have a sweet taste and a crunchy texture.

The plant is most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Cooking
- Baking
- Freezing

**Planting & Growing**

Sugar Lace Pea will grow to be about 30 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 6 inches apart. Because of its vigorous growth habit, it may require staking or supplemental support. This fast-growing 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 does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant is capable of fixing its own nitrogen, which means that it is effectively self-fertilizing. As a result it should not require supplemental fertilizing, and if you do fertilize it, be sure to only use a low-nitrogen fertilizer to promote root growth. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. 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.

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Sugar Lace Pea is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.