

cheat sheet container gardening with sweet bell peppers



plan

- Plant: Green Gypsy
- Space & Light: Place your plant in Full sun
- Container: Get a large container (30 qt/20-28 liters) with drainage holes at the bottom (depth min 8in/20cm)
- Soil: Choose a well-draining mix for container gardening with all three of the following micronutrients: Sulfur, Magnesium, and Calcium
- Fertilizer: organic fertilizer rich in phosphorus (middle number of the fertilizer big three)
- Watering Can: Get a 3 gal/11 liter for containers

plant

- Fill the container with soil (right below the rim of the container)
- Dig hole deep enough to cover the entire root ball
- Mix in a bit of fertilizer (rich in phosphorus)
- Gently remove plant from the pot
- Use both hands to place the plant in the soil
- Use one hand to hold the plant in place, other hand to cover the entire root ball with soil
- Water gently and evenly after planting



grow

- Water: Water regularly when needed
- Fertilize: You've added fertilizer rich in phosphorus



care

- Keep peppers warm
- Move to shade if temps approach mid to upper 90 degrees F
- Pests (aphids and flea beetles) - Get a nontoxic insecticide from your local garden center to help you get rid of unwanted pests
- Preventing Pests- companion planting with herbs can prevent pests from chomping on your veggies
- Ex- Cilantro, dill, or fennel attract beneficial insects that take care of aphids
- Simply plant a cilantro, dill, or fennel plant next to your peppers



harvest

- 70 days for Gypsy peppers
- Snip with garden clippers or scissors (taking off a bit of the stem)
- Pick green peppers early in the season when they're a good size; enjoy for crisp salads
- Pick green peppers later in the season and watch the green turn red enjoying incredible color and sweetness

