

# How to grow purple broccoli from seed at home

Purple broccoli is not only visually appealing but packed with vital nutrients like vitamins, minerals, and anti oxidants. The purple broccoli has gained popularity due to its unique flavor and health benefits.

## Planting purple broccoli

Site selection. Purple broccoli thrives in well drained fertile soils with a pH range of 6.0 and 7.5. Choose a location that receives full sun as it requires at least 6 to 8 hours of direct sunlight daily.

Soil Preparation. Prepare the soil by adding organic matter such as compost or well rotted manure to improve on soil fertility and structure. Ensure proper drainage to avoid water logging which leads to root rot.

Planting. Purple broccoli can be planted from seeds or transplants. Transplants are planted at a spacing of 18 to 24 inches apart in rows 2 to 3 feet apart.

## Care and maintenance

Water consistently to keep the soil evenly moist especially during dry spells.

Mulch around the plants to minimize water loss, suppress weeds and regulate soil temperature.

Fertilize with a well balanced fertilizer when transplanting and again when the plants are about half way to maturity.

Harvesting. Purple broccoli is ready to harvest when the florets are still intact and dark purple in color.