

CARROTS

1 SOWING YOUR SEEDS

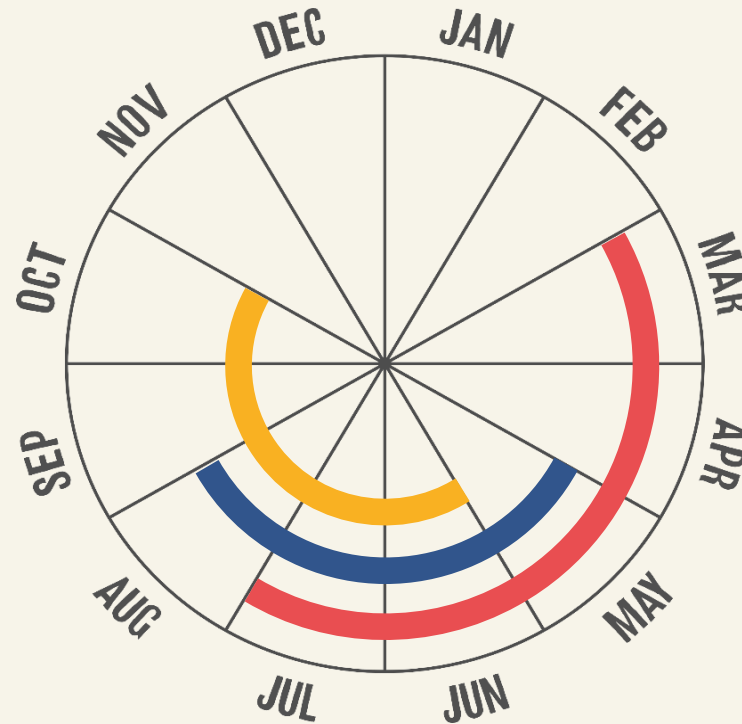
Starting in March sow carrots directly into raised beds in drills that are 1cm deep. Leave 30cm between each row. Water the drill before sowing the seeds. Sprinkle seeds into the drill and use your hand to firm the soil over the seeds.

2 THINNING OUT

Once seedlings are 3cm tall, start to pull out the smaller and weaker stems. Leaving 10cm space between each carrot. Be careful not to disturb the carrots that you want to keep.

3 HARVESTING

Carrots will take 12-16 weeks to grow. You can see when they are ready by gently moving some of the earth around the top of the root. If it looks like a good size, then it is ready to harvest. Gently loosen the soil around each carrot with a trowel before pulling them out.



Seedlings



Young plants



Ready for harvest

Carrot root fly will be attracted to the smell of your carrots. To protect them from attack use fleece as an insect barrier.

Carrots don't like to be disturbed once sown. So we always sow straight into the beds.