

JEWEL

Solanum melongena

Eggplant



Description

Aubergine **JEWEL** is a compact variety available in five colours of egg-sized fruit, ideal for patio container use. Best finished in 13—15cm pots.

Fruits in profusion, over 20 per plant. Each fruit approximates 10cm long, weighing in at 50—80g.

Emerald Jewel: pale green fruit.

Opal Jewel: white fruit.

Jet Jewel: dark purple fruit.

Amethyst Jewel: bright coloured mid purple fruit.

Quartz Jewel: pink-rose coloured fruit.

Culture

Sow the seed in free-draining compost which has been thoroughly soaked. The addition of a fungicide is advised.

Cover the seed with vermiculite and place the trays on a bottom-heated bench or in a growth chamber set at 22-24C. It is essential that the compost temperature be maintained at a constant level throughout the germination process to maximise uniform emergence.

If sown into seed trays prick out as soon as the cotyledons have fully expanded and can be handled easily. Crops started in plug trays will be able to remain in the original container until they are ready to be moved directly into the final container at the three true leaf stage.

Once fruiting starts, plants will need support because of the weight of the fruit.

