**Frequently Asked Questions**

**WHAT MAKES THESE SO AMAZING?**
These three compact vegetables are extremely cute but also are extremely high yielding plants and fast producing too! That means you’ll be picking and eating until the end of summer. What sets this collection apart is each variety’s fresh, homegrown flavor, exceptional fruit quality, earlier and longer harvests, loads of produce, and compact habits to fit smaller growing spaces.

**WHEN CAN I EXPECT FRUIT?**
Under normal conditions which include warm summer temperatures and full sunny location each variety will begin fruiting accordingly: Totem Tomato 55 days; Peticue Cucumber 45 days; Amethyst Eggplant 50 days.

**WHAT IS TOTEM TOMATO LIKE?**
It is bushy and upright reaching about 24” in height. It is great in containers, window boxes, or even in the garden. It is super heavy yielding, bearing medium sized red tomatoes, starting in just 55 days. It is ideal for small gardens or terraces.

**WHAT IS PETICUE CUCUMBER LIKE?**
Fantastic compact cucumber that produces more veg than normal cucumbers, but only takes up 1/3 of space. Vining habit makes this mini cucumber plant perfect for patios in containers, yet produces large 7-9” crunchy sweet fruit. You’ll be enjoying cucumbers in about 45 days; plants yield more the more you harvest, so enjoy!

**WHAT IS AMETHYST EGGPLANT LIKE?**
This attractive plant features purple flowers, silvery foliage, and tons of practically neon, purple fruits. The eggplants will be about 3oz big and will be ready in about 50-60 days. And they will continue to bear fruit for up to 8 weeks! Enjoy them on your patio in containers for easy pickings, but will thrive just as well in the garden.

**First Things First...**

When your plant arrives from Roberta’s, remove from the shipping box immediately.

Remove plastic bag and sleeve from around potted plant(s). Discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil. Pull away any yellow or brown leaves that may have occurred during transit. If you can’t plant it into garden or larger pot within a few days, make sure it stays well watered.

When ready to plant, do the job as early in the day as possible to avoid extreme soil temperatures that prevent proper water uptake from the roots. Water them in well and whisper a few words of wisdom.

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**Our Warranty**
(Annuals and Tropical Plants)

We aren’t happy if you aren’t happy. If you have any questions regarding your order please call us at 1-800-428-9726 during the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm EST. You can email questions to us at plantquestions@robertasin.com.

If your bulbs, cuttings etc. do not sprout, or your plant dies within 90 days from the date of shipment, we will send you a replacement free of charge. We cannot accept responsibility for losses due to extreme weather or neglect. Simply call us at the above toll free number or fill out the plant replacement form on our website at www.robertasin.com.

Roberta’s will replace it with a similar or comparable plant at no charge. If your replacement is not available or it is too late in the season to ship, it will ship the following year.

Neither this retailer nor any other company involved in the sale or promotion of this product is a claimant of this plant warranty.

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**Plant Hardiness Zone Map**

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2. **Step 2:** Transplant into the garden as soon as evening temperatures stay above 50°F. Dig holes twice the width of the root ball and about 5 to 6 inches deep. Place them in their holes. Pack soil firmly around roots. Fill with soil and pack in firmly covering entire root zone. Water again.

3. **Step 3:** Rather than in the garden you may re-pot into large containers. Repot the plants into larger 8-10 inch pots separately or together in larger containers.

4. **Step 4:** In normal conditions fruiting will begin 50 – 60 days.

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**WILL THE CRITTERS EAT THEM?**
- Unfortunately yes. But that is why placing them in containers on the sunny patio works so well. They produce high yields in containers as well in the garden.

**POTTED PLANTS**
- Repot the plants into larger 8-10 inch pots separately or together in larger containers.

**SOIL**
- They like bagged potting mixes for houseplants that will drain well. Most garden centers carry various brand names with perlite, vermiculite, soil and sand.

**GARDEN PREPARATION**
- If your soil is clayish amend it with a standard garden soil for adequate drainage.

**PLANTING SPACING**
- If planting into the garden space them 12-20 inches apart. If planting into a container allow for adequate air ventilation on deck or patio.

**PLANT HEIGHT AND WIDTH**
- Tomato - HT 24”, W 8”; Cucumber - HT 6”, W 24”; Eggplant - HT 22”, W 18”

**WATER**
- All tomatoes produce much better with deep watering as opposed to shallow watering. Water these generously when the top 3-4 inches of soil is dry. If allowed to go too dry they may suffer wilt.

**FERTILIZER**
- To promote more flowers use a well balanced fertilizer like Roberta’s Flower Magic Plant Food (M7503) once a month April through August.

**LIGHTING**
- These prefer full to part sun. More sun really makes a difference in blooming and fruiting.

**BLOOMING**
- Under correct conditions, blooming begins in early summer and persists all summer.

**TEMPERATURE ZONE 9 to 11**
- When nights stay above 50 degrees, place your plants outside and leave them there.

**FRUITING**
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**PLANTING GUIDE**

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- Produces an abundance of medium sized fruit

**Cucumber**
- Great even in hanging baskets

**Eggplant**
- Very high yielding all summer

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