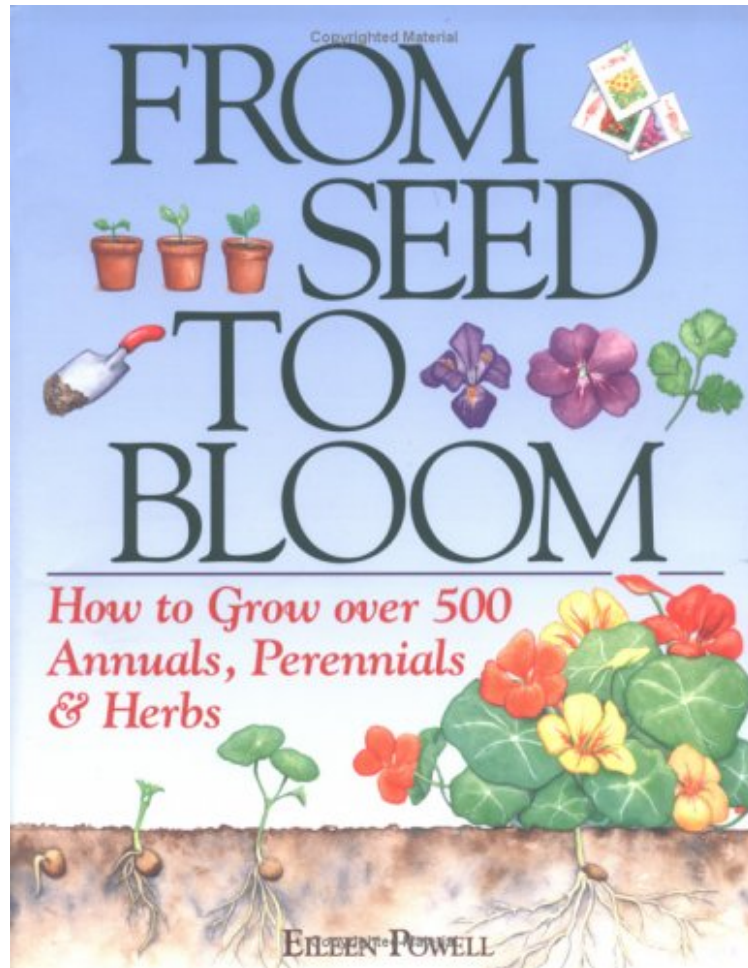


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27 of 27 people found the following review helpful. Good on the seed, but not on the bloom By Tracy Palmer I have been planting flowers from seed in my home for almost 5 years now. Last year I had over 1400 seedlings on multi-level shelves under fluorescent and natural light in my dining room. (Boy do I need a greenhouse!) So this book was not a lot of new information to me. A lot of what is listed can be found on the back of a seed packet, but it's not practical to sit on the floor of my favorite garden supply store and read every seed package for suggestions before I buy it. (This is important, because I'm not interested in refrigerating my seeds 3 weeks before I plant them or doing other such preparations required for some seeds.) One major thing missing from this book was photography. There

were drawings, but I'm sorry to say that they were mostly a way of breaking up the monotony of the text rather than a reference tool. On the good side, this book did an excellent job of providing the proper germination environment, and each plant had a quick reference in a shaded box that listed the type of plant (annual, perennial, etc), its hardiness zone, and its flowering season. This allowed me to quickly eliminate the plants that were inappropriate for my zone. The regular index wasn't very useful, but one wonderful addition was an index of the common latin names. I refer to this when looking at some of my books that include the full color photography I was missing. (Almost makes up for it...almost!) Of course, there is the standard hardiness zone map, but they also added a map each for the probable first and last frost dates. (Nice!) Also included was a directory of seed companies and their addresses. All in all, this book does a good job of covering the seed part, but a poor job of covering the bloom part. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The Only One I Need By Customer Although I've gardened for over 30 years, I still need expert advice on the details of individual plants. I looked at every book on seed-starting in the local library system and decided to buy this one for my own bookshelf. It's not a book of colorful flower pictures. It is a book with Latin and common names, brief descriptions, sowing, germination, planting seedlings outside, caring for plants, and propagation instructions. I recommend you visit other gardeners, local botanical gardens and your county extension office to identify the flowers you want to grow, then use this book for the practical how-to's. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Just the Facts, Ma'am By Customer I'm used to gardening books having at least a few inspirational colored plates. This book had none, although there were accurate black white drawings for each entry. But the book is strictly business. Nothing wrong with that--the information is solid, but the reading is just not as much fun as other garden books can be.

Sm Quarto, , PP.528, Covers 576 Annuals, Perennials, And Bulbs; Planning chart For 1200 Species; Sowing, Transplanting And Care Guidelines For 600 Plants

From Library Journal For gardeners who are looking for economical ways to add plants to their gardens or for those who can't wait until the newest cultivar makes its way into the local nursery, growing from seed is a solution. Landscape designer Powell gives germination and cultural information for over 500 flowering plants. Following basic chapters on seed starting, seedling care, and vegetative propagation, plant entries are listed alphabetically by genus and often accompanied by a line drawing of the mature plant. Succinct "seed packet" information is provided on sowing, germination, planting seedlings outdoors, caring for plants, and propagation. Not all the plants listed are easy to grow from seed, and some take years until there is a bloom to behold. But gardeners honest about their abilities and degree of patience will find useful information. A good addition to collections that already have Ann Reilly's Park's Success with Seeds (Park Seed Co., 1978. o.p.), which has hard-to-find color photographs of emerging seedlings. (Index not seen.)-Virginia A. Henrichs, Chicago Botanic Garden Lib., Glencoe, Ill. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist This paperback guide to growing from seed is an alphabetical listing of 536 plants--from abronia to zinnia--with information on sowing, germinating, caring, propagating, hardiness zones, and light and soil requirements. Most listings include a black-and-white drawing of the plant. There is advice on the basics of starting plants from seed, including a chapter on the joy of asexual propagation--which may be a bit more than the average gardener needs to know. There's also a cross-reference listing of common and botanical plant names, as well as a list of seed companies. George Cohen From the Back Cover A Gardener's Easy Reference Guide to Growing more than 500 Flowers and Herbs from Seed -- It's Simple and Fun When You Know How! Plant by plant, From Seed to Bloom is a one-stop reference -- containing everything you need to know in order to germinate and grow more than 500 genera of flowering plants. Each plant entry includes such essential information as hardiness zones, directions for sowing seeds indoors and out, spacing, and germination time and requirements. From Seed to Bloom also covers: -- When to transplant seedlings outdoors -- Light and soil requirements -- Propagation techniques -- General plant care -- Flowering season -- How to encourage blooms From Seed to Bloom puts all the information gardeners need most into one handbook -- no more searching a variety of books, seed catalogs, and old seed packets for essential instructions. The advantages of germinating seeds yourself are many: Growing from seed is usually less expensive than buying mature plants, especially for mass plantings. Germinating and growing the plants yourself ensures that your plants are as healthy as possible. Also, unusual, exotic, or marginally hardy plants that are often unavailable at nurseries may be obtainable in the form of seed. From Seed to Bloom helps you grow the flowering plants that you see in magazines but can never find.