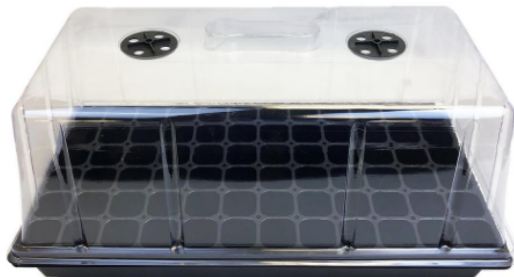




Irish Moss

Note: The raw seeds are TINY. Please be sure to read the following so the seeds are not all dumped in one area. Plant when temperatures are between 68-72 degrees as a general guide. They can grow in temperatures warmer and colder than this but are finicky about temperatures for germination. You can start the seeds indoors if your temperatures are colder or hotter than this. You can start them in front of a preferably south or west facing window that gets some sun or use grow lights if you already have them. I find that the best way to start these seeds is getting a growing tray with a dome. There is one available at Home Depot.com, that is perfect for this. It is a growing tray with individual cells. See photo below, the brand is ViaGrow:



ViaGrow

I believe jiffy makes them as well, the brand doesn't matter as long as it has a dome. Disposable cake pans are a nice economical option and you can usually get them with lids! Fill the cells with a good potting soil. Water the soil well so that it is moist but not soaking wet. Do this BEFORE sowing the seeds. You will find that the seeds are nearly microscopic which makes it a serious challenge to see where you are planting them. This is going to sound strange, but if you sprinkle flour over the soil, you will find that it is far easier to see where they have been distributed, and if they've been distributed evenly. Don't use too much though or you will end up with dough! You can sow the seeds close together by sprinkling several in each cell until all the cells are used up. At risk of repeating myself, these seeds can very easily be dumped in too tight a pattern due to their size and dust-like consistency. I pinch them between my fingers and sprinkle them just a few at a time so that they are nice and even and not all dumped in one spot. You can lightly press the seeds into the soil but do not cover them, as they need light to germinate. Water the top of the soil with a spray bottle as needed. The dome will greatly help with them not drying out too fast. Once they are a decent size in the tray and have developed some roots so that they will hold the dirt together, you can remove them and plant them in the area you wish to fill in, in sections that are 12 inches apart and they will eventually meet each other.

If received during non-optimal cultivation temperatures, you can wait until temperatures are between 68-72F. If you decide not to plant these in pots, you may do so, but if you choose to direct sow, please be aware that you will need to make sure they stay moist at all times or they will not germinate. This means watering them every day and possibly twice per day. You will definitely want to use the flour for this as well and water them by using a hose on the mist setting. These can be grown in full or part sun and are evergreen down to zone 4!

A NOTE ON SEED STORAGE IF YOU ARE NOT PLANTING RIGHT AWAY:

The key for seed storage is cool, dark and dry. If your temperatures are not quite right for planting, you can keep the seeds viable by keeping them in the plastic bag that I send them in (which is thick and food grade for specifically this purpose,) place that in a sealed mason jar and then a paper bag to block light and put it in your basement if available or refrigerator, until you are ready to plant. This can be done with most all seeds and will keep them viable for 1-5 years depending on the species.

My seeds are tested and guaranteed. If you are dissatisfied with your order for any reason or the seeds don't sprout, please message me before leaving a review and I will provide advice, replace or refund. I truly care about my customers and my plants!

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have.

Happy Planting!

Kimberly