



WHAT TO SOW & GROW IN

February



Indoors or under glass



Sow lobelia, antirrhinum, laurentia and chrysanthemum seeds



Sow sweet peas in a glass house, cold frame or a cold place indoors. Soak seeds in tepid water overnight before planting to speed up germination



Start sowing cucumber and tomato seeds for the greenhouse, in warm conditions



Sow aubergine, early brassica, celeriac, celery, leek and sweet pepper seeds under cover



Grow your own herbs, such as basil, on the windowsill to fill your kitchen with Mediterranean aromas



Sow broad bean, carrot, parsnip, early beetroot, salad onion, lettuce, radish, early peas, spinach and summer cabbage seeds outside, under cloches



Some salad leaves, lettuce and spinach can also be started indoors ready for the growing season



Direct sow hardy broad beans if the soil isn't frozen

WHAT TO DO IN THE GARDEN



Prepare your seed beds. As long as the ground isn't frozen you can cultivate beds and start to warm up the soil with fleece or cloches



Organise this year's seeds by sowing date



Build raised beds now - raised beds allow you to make an early start in the garden as the soil warms up faster and raised beds drain quickly too. Raised beds are perfect for clay soils!



Remove faded flowers from winter pansies to stop them setting seed. This will encourage a flush of new flowers when the weather warms up



Mulch perennial vegetables with well-rotted manure or garden compost



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