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MICRO TOM TOMATO

(*Solanum lycopersicum* 'Micro Tom')



DESCRIPTION

The world's smallest tomato variety!

The Micro-Tom grows 5 to 8 inches tall and bears flavourful miniature tomatoes the size of salad croutons. The plants are very productive, a 6 inch plant can produce up to a couple dozen fruits. These tomatoes are truly diminutive and good for gardeners with little room, placed on patios, windowsills or garden borders. It is also a good variety to grow in lower light sources. From seed, it will take 80 to 85 days to reach maturity.

very few leaves. It will ripen perfectly in a window sill almost all year round! No need to prune foliage, it protects the stem and the fruit from burning or overheating and makes food for the tomatoes.



CULTIVATION

Tomatoes do best in hot climates, with extra water in spring while the plant is growing and drier sunny conditions while the fruits are ripening. Tomatoes do best to have a full eight hours of sunlight. Grow in rich, moist soil climates. Plants may be

grown in a green house but usually the flavour is better when grown outside, provided that they ripen properly on the vine before harvesting. The advantages of green house cultivation are earlier and heavier crops, a longer period of fruit production in autumn/fall and a wider choice of suitable varieties.

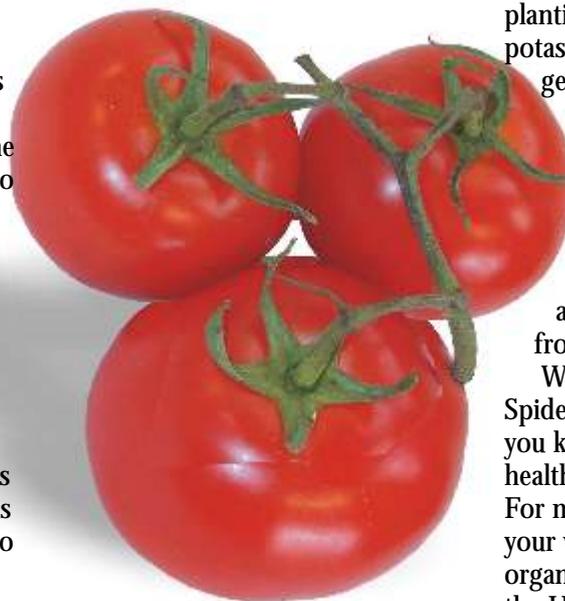
Soil preparation is the key to successful tomato practice. Soils that are suitable for tomatoes need to be fertile, well drained and moisture retentive. If your current garden bed is not suitable, blood and bone is an ideal fertiliser for tomatoes and can be used safely at planting time, but you will need a potassium source too. A good



USES

While Micro-Tom tomatoes are delicious to eat, it is also a highly ornamental plant that looks divine as a decoration! Great in salads, no slicing required.

general purpose organic fertiliser will also do the job. The main problem with the Micro Tom is that unlike other varieties of tomato it is very susceptible to aphid attack. Tomatoes can suffer from a few problems, such as Wilt, Virus, moulds and Red Spider to name a few. However if you keep your plant in good health the diseases risk is lessened. For more information on keeping your vegetables healthy see our organic gardening fact sheet on the Herbert website.



GROWTH

Micro-Tom thrives and produces well in all climates, indoors or outdoors. It is a determinate variety which means it is a bush tomato and requires no pinching or staking. It has been specially bred to grow in 3 to 4 inch pots and produces 12+ tasty cherry tomatoes per plant, with

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