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## Dark Green Zucchini

***Cucurbita pepo var. cylindrica 'Dark Green'***



*Dark Green Zucchini fruit*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Courgette

**Description:**

A lovely vigorous, bush type variety, producing ample yields of straight, smooth, dark green fruit; reaching 8" long, these firm, fine flavored zucchinis are perfect for baking into cakes, breads and muffins; performs well in large containers and gardens

**Edible Qualities**

Dark Green Zucchini is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities. It produces dark green long fruit with creamy white flesh which can be harvested at any point. The fruits have a pleasant taste and a firm texture.

The fruit are most often used in the following ways:

- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Cooking
- Baking
- Freezing

**Planting & Growing**

Dark Green Zucchini will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 inches apart. This vegetable plant is an annual, which means that it will grow for one season in your garden and then die after producing a crop.

This plant is typically grown in a designated vegetable garden. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

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Dark Green Zucchini is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

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