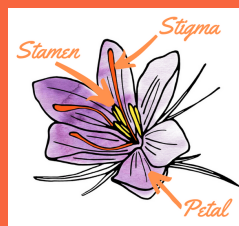


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GROWING OUTDOORS

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PLANT Late Summer (August - September)

Plant corms no less than six inches deep, spaced six inches apart. Ideal location is full sun with well-drained soil.

TEND Early Autumn (September - October)

Ensure rows are weed free by flame weeding or hand pulling.

HARVEST Autumn (October - December)

Flowers emerge daily. Harvest whole flowers and transfer to clean area for daily processing.

PROCESS Autumn (October - December)

Remove petals and stamen. Trim all white and yellow from stigma to create three all-red pieces.

CURE Autumn (October - December) Reduce mass 90-80% by dehydrating for a short time at low heat. Then, store in cool dark place for several months.

MAINTAIN weeds after leaves die back.

DIG corms, size, and replant every few years.



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CONTAINER GROWING

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PLANT Late Summer (August – September) Space corms 2-3 inches apart, no less than 3 inches deep, in container filled with potting soil.



TEND Early Autumn (September – October) Water regularly. If keeping containers in hoop-house or other covered structure, use shade cloth to lower temperature.



HARVEST Autumn (October – December) Flowers emerge daily. Harvest whole flowers and transfer to processing area.

PROCESS Autumn (October – December) Remove petals and stamen. Trim all white and yellow from stigma to create three all-red pieces.

CURE Autumn (October – December) Reduce mass 90-80% by dehydrating for a short time at low heat. Then, store in cool dark place for several months.

MAINTAIN containers after flowering by watering regularly until leaves die back in dormancy. Protect from burrowing rodents.

DIG corms, size, and replant annually.

