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# HEALTHY, HAPPIER PLANTS

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## Share your snaps & win!

No matter where you're at in your garden journey, we love to see how you're growing. Simply tag your garden snaps and videos with **@tuigardenandhome** on Instagram to be in to win a bumper pack to keep your harvests coming!

We will pick one lucky winner each month and notify by direct message.

### JOIN THE CONVERSATION



We'd love to see you over on our social media channels. It's abuzz with garden share, tips & tricks.

Facebook: **TuiGarden**  
Instagram: **@tuigardenandhome**  
TikTok: **@tuigardenandhome**  
YouTube: **@TuiTV**  
Web: **tuigarden.co.nz**





# GROW WITH TUI GARDEN HUBS

From first-time gardeners to experienced green thumbs, we love helping Kiwis grow and discover the joy of gardening.



Each season brings fresh opportunities in the garden, so we've refreshed our **Garden Hub** to make every step easy. With beginner-friendly guides, helpful products, expert tips, and tasty harvest recipes, you'll find everything you need.



## Guides

Step-by-step growing guides.



## Articles

Top tips for healthy growing and rewarding harvests.



## Recipes

Go from garden-to-table with delicious harvest recipes.



## Products

Discover the perfect mix of products to help you grow.



## Videos

Easy to follow guides or be inspired to try something new.



## FAQs

We're here to help with answers to common questions.

## EXPLORE 20 POPULAR GARDENING TOPICS

[tuigarden.co.nz/gardening-hub/](https://tuigarden.co.nz/gardening-hub/) or scan the QR code above to get started.



## Quick Wins: 10 minute autumn garden jobs

**Plant spring bulbs** – Get them in the ground now for a stunning spring display.

**Deadhead spent flowers** – Tidy up summer annuals and encourage any late blooms.

**Pick herbs to dry** – Harvest thyme, oregano, rosemary, sage and mint before growth slows.

**Mulch around fruit trees** – Add compost or mulch to protect roots before winter.

**Save seeds** – Collect and dry seeds from tomatoes, beans, lettuce and flowers for next season.

# AUTUMN IN THE GARDEN

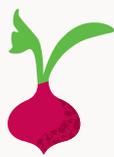
## WHAT TO PLANT NOW

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Lettuce/Mesclun/  
Rocket



Beetroot



Rosemary



Silverbeet/Spinach



Spring onion



Calendula



Thyme



Bok choi



Cauliflower



Carrot



Broccoli



Cabbage



Coriander



Pansy/Viola



Radish



Celery



Feijoa



Bulbs

## TOP AUTUMN COMPANION PLANTS

### VEGES

**Beetroot** pairs beautifully with broccoli, cabbage, lettuce and onion.

**Broccoli** thrives alongside beetroot, celery, dill, onion and rosemary.

**Carrots** team well with leeks. They also enjoy the company of lettuce, onions, peas, radish and runner beans.

**Leeks** also grow happily with celery, onion, strawberries.

**Cauliflower** works well planted near beans, celery, oregano, peas and spinach.

**Lettuce** is a year-round favourite and will grow happily with carrots, radish and strawberries.

### FLOWERS

**Calendula** (also known as English marigold) is a standout companion plant for autumn. It attracts beneficial insects including hoverflies and ladybirds which prey on aphids, as well as bringing important pollinators – bees and butterflies – into the garden. Silverbeet, radish, carrot, thyme and parsley particularly enjoy the company of calendula.

### HERBS

**Sage** is excellent for planting around celery, helping keep aphids away.

**Rosemary** makes an excellent neighbour for broccoli.

**Hyssop** helps deter white cabbage butterfly from brassicas like broccoli, cabbage and Brussels sprouts.

# WINTER FROST PROTECTION TIPS

As temperatures dip and the first frosts approach, there are steps you can take to protect your garden from frost damage, or help it recover.

## FROST PROTECTION BASICS

- Apply **Tui Organic Seaweed Plant Tonic** every 7-10 days before frosts arrive to help plants tolerate the cold – it will give protection up to -5°C.
- Reduce watering in winter so there's less moisture in the soil to freeze, but don't allow plants to completely dry out.
- Add **Tui Pea Straw** or **Tui Mulch & Feed** to garden beds *before* the first frost arrives to insulate roots. After a frost is too late as the mulch will insulate the soil and keep the cold in – at that stage it could be more damaging than not mulching.
- Covering crops with frost cloth is a good option. It allows light in so doesn't need to be removed every day. Be sure to peg the frost cloth down securely.
- Invest in a glasshouse or a cold frame to start plants, and harden them off before planting out. A cloche or growing tunnel will protect them once planted.
- Frost-tender plants such as frangipani, citrus, avocados and tamarillos can be grown in pots so you can shift them to shelter in cold snaps.

## IF FROST DAMAGE HAPPENS

- Don't be tempted to cut the frost damage off too soon, that will force soft new growth which will be at risk from frost burn. Leave until the risk of frost has passed.
- Hold off feeding plants until spring as the same thing can occur. Fresh new growth won't have time to harden off, especially if there is a late frost.
- Apply **Tui Organic Seaweed Plant Tonic** every 7-14 days to support recovery without pushing new growth.
- If you have a frost-damaged lawn wait until temperatures warm up to feed as the grass isn't actively growing and therefore not taking up nutrients. Once the risk of frost has passed, feed with **Tui LawnForce® New Lawns**.

## FLOWER TIPS

- Prune roses after the coldest weather has passed. Pruning can push soft new growth which could get frosted and lead to diseases such as die-back.
- Likewise for hydrangeas, in frost prone regions you can leave the spent flower heads on over winter as that gives the new growth below some protection.

## FROST CAN IMPROVE FLAVOUR

Some veges are best left in the ground until the first frost, which helps intensify the sweetness of the vegetable.

- **Pumpkins** – the foliage will be frosted but the pumpkins can taste better with a touch of frost.
- **Yams** – frost will knock the foliage but the yams will taste sweeter.
- **Parsnips** – also become sweeter after a frost!



## TOP 5 FROST HARDY CROPS

Great for reliable winter harvests. Plant early so roots establish before heavy frosts.

- **Leeks** – Slow and steady, happy in cold soil.
- **Parsnips** – Even sweeter after frost.
- **Kale** – Tough, productive, and nutrient dense.
- **Spinach** – Thrives in cool weather with regular picking.
- **Broccoli** – Handles the cold well, but protect heads from hard frosts.

Also reliable: carrots, beetroot, onions, cauliflower, cabbage, peas, broad beans, coriander.

**Cool season flowers:** alyssum, viola, primula, pansy, cyclamen, calendula.



# PETALS AND POCKET MONEY

Name: Edee

📷 @gretagraceblooms

Location: Motueka, Tasman

Garden size: Growing in crates and pots!

**I never imagined growing flowers would become such a big part of my life. I started after my world completely flipped in 2020 and I went from being a career driven wāhine to a first-time mum isolated in lockdown.**

I adored being a mum – it's the best job I ever had – but I wanted another sense of purpose. In a sleep-deprived state I ordered 200 tulips, celebrating in my online mother's group whenever I managed to get my baby to sleep for 20 minutes so I could plant a few bulbs in wine barrels on our deck. By spring we had a beautiful display, neighbours were commenting on their drive to work and I was hooked.

Fast forward six years and my daughter and I have our own cut flower garden where she understands every stage of growing – from planting and picking to now selling our flowers.

Last year, we planted 600 tulip bulbs.

At the time we were thinking about moving house so researched how to grow in crates and old pots we had around home so we could take them with us if need be. We filled the crates with a mix of home compost and Tui Bulb Mix, nestled the bulbs snugly together like eggs in a carton, covered them and let mother nature take over. In spring those tulips became the first of many flowers we sold in our 'candy shop'-style roadside flower cart.

Planting in crates saved us space in the garden and created a wicked display of colour on our deck when they bloomed.

This spring we will be filling our crates with beautiful tulips again, choosing varieties that stagger their bloom times so we can have a longer season. We'll also be growing more Iris and our new spring love – ranunculus grown from corms!



Selling the flowers has become as meaningful as growing them, giving us a practical way to teach financial literacy. Each week, the money from our roadside cart goes through our payday routine. Emilia-Grace earns 40% for her work, then we divide it into four pots. First, 40% into her long-term savings for big dreams, with the rest split evenly between her investing account – where money grows like seeds into flowers – her short-term savings, and a fun money pot for little treats!

# WINTER ROSE CARE

Roses may look bare over winter, but this is the season that quietly does the heavy lifting. The planting, pruning or relocating you do now lays the groundwork for stronger plants and a spectacular summer display.

## SUMMER ROSES START IN WINTER

Winter is the ideal season for planting roses, particularly bare-rooted varieties, which are best planted between May and August. It's also the best time to relocate established roses. During the coldest months, roses aren't actively growing and their metabolism slows right down, which means there's less risk of transplant shock.

Plant your roses in a sunny position – they need at least five hours of sun a day – and aim for a spot that's protected from strong winds. When planting or re-planting, make sure the graft sits at or just below soil level, and use a quality mix like **Tui Rose & Shrub Mix** to give roots the best possible start. If plans change, roses can comfortably remain in pots or containers for several months before being planted out.

## PICKING THE PERFECT ROSE

When selecting roses, look for plants that appear well-branched and vigorous. Avoid stems that look dry, damaged or stressed. Keep an eye out for the high-health symbol on the label – a reliable sign the rose has been grown free from viruses and disease.



Phoenix



Frosty Moon



The Sarjeant Rose



Better Times

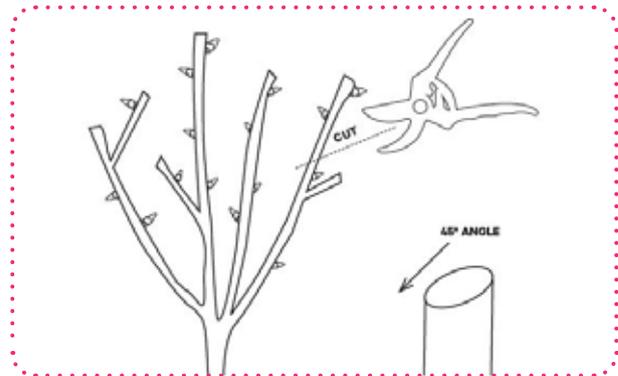
Roses shown are from Matthews Nurseries Ltd.

## PRUNING IS A WINTER ESSENTIAL

An annual winter prune is key to keeping roses healthy and productive. Pruning removes old, tired wood and encourages strong new growth, resulting in better shape and more abundant flowers.

Pruning is best done in mid to late winter (July or August), once plants are fully dormant. In milder climates, pruning too early can encourage new growth that's vulnerable to frost damage.

- Use clean, sharp tools on a dry day, and make cuts at a 45-degree angle just above an outward-facing bud.
- Remove any dead or diseased stems, reduce the main branches by about half, and open up the centre of the plant to improve airflow.
- Aim for three to four main canes in an open, vase-shaped form.



## LOOKING AHEAD

Feeding is best left until spring and summer, when roses are actively growing and better able to absorb nutrients. **Tui Rose Food** has high levels of potassium for large, vibrant, healthy blooms.

Well-watered, well-fed roses are naturally more resilient and will have a better chance of keeping insect pests and diseases at bay.

## TUI TIP

Companion planting is a simple, natural way to deter pests. Members of the allium family – garlic, onions, chives, and shallots are excellent partners for roses to keep aphids away.



# SEEDLING PLANTING CALENDAR

Across New Zealand there  
Use this handy planting cal  
fruit and veges. For a full p  
discover the interactive pla  
<https://tuigarden.co>

Lift out our handy planting calendar and keep it close by for easy reference!

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VEGETABLE / FRUIT	WHEN TO PLANT							
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August
Apple					🌱 🌱 🌱	🌱 🌱 🌱	🌱 🌱 🌱	🌱 🌱 🌱
Asparagus							🌱	🌱 🌱
Basil	🌱 🌱 🌱	🌱 🌱 🌱						
Bean	🌱 🌱	🌱 🌱	🌱	🌱				🌱
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Brussel Sprouts	🌱 🌱 🌱	🌱 🌱 🌱	🌱 🌱 🌱	🌱 🌱 🌱	🌱 🌱			🌱 🌱
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Pear					🌱 🌱 🌱	🌱 🌱 🌱	🌱 🌱 🌱	🌱 🌱 🌱
Potato	🌱 🌱 🌱	🌱 🌱	🌱 🌱					🌱
Pumpkin & Squash	🌱	🌱						🌱
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Tomato	🌱 🌱 🌱							🌱 🌱
Watermelon	🌱 🌱 🌱							

\*Harvest times are a guide only and may vary with variety. This calendar is for planting seedlings. If growing from seed

are differences in climate and soils.  
 endar as a guide to planting common  
 planting calendar by region and month,  
 planting calendar tool on our website:  
 .nz/planting-calendar/



**Key:**  
 = Northern  
 = Middle  
 = Southern

September	October	November	December	Time to harvest*
				2-4 years
				2 years
				40-60 days
				85-110 days
				90-120 days
				60-90 days from flower
				1 year
				20-45 days
				85-110 days
				60-120 days
				120-140 days
				105-140 days
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				50-65 days
				90-120 days
				80-85 days
				100-120 days
				60-70 days
				30-45 days
				60-85 days
				60-80 days
				85-110 days
				2-3 years
				170 days
				60-70 days
				160-180 days
				2-4 years
				40-70 days
				2-4 years
				2-4 years
				40-60 days
				60-70 days
				70-180 days
				2-4 years
				45-85 days
				120-140 days
				12-18 months
				45-70 days
				2-4 years
				90-160 days
				110-170 days
				30-40 days
				1 year
				30-40 days
				40-60 days
				30-40 days
				60-70 days
				140-160 days
				98-112 days
				60-85 days
				90-160 days

We suggest sowing 4-6 weeks before the planting month recommendation.



## PREPARE

The better the soil, the better your plants will grow. If you are planting into a garden bed dig in organic matter like **Tui Organic Sheep Pellets** and **Tui Compost** to your soil.



## PLANT

Choose a planting mix specifically designed for what or where you are planting, such as **Tui Vegetable Mix** for veggie gardens or **Tui Pot Power** for pots and containers.

Check seed packets or plant labels for individual planting instructions. The best times to plant are early in the morning or late in the day, so the plants aren't exposed to the hot sun straight away.



## NOURISH

Plants use nutrients from the soil as they grow, so replenishing the nutrients ensures your plants grow and flourish to their full potential. Select a fertiliser specially blended for your crop. The **Tui Food range** is perfect for garden beds. **Tui Liquid Super Foods** is a great option for both garden beds, pots and containers.



# SUSTAINABILITY AND COMMUNITY

## Silver in Waste Reduction

Our Mt Maunganui site has reached an exciting sustainability milestone, achieving Silver Status through the local council's Resource Wise programme.

Following a waste audit in May, the site successfully diverted 46% of its waste (by weight) away from landfill.

A range of initiatives are helping reduce landfill waste, including returning materials to suppliers for reuse, recycling strapping through a local business, and sending packaging components for reuse.

*"This result reflects the effort our team puts in every day to reduce waste and find better ways of working. We're proud of what we've achieved so far and motivated to do even better."*

## Swap Meet Success

For the third year in a row, we hosted the much-loved Swap Meet, giving Tui team members the opportunity to bring along pre-loved, good-quality items for others to repurpose and enjoy.



This simple initiative helps extend the life of everyday belongings and keeps useful items out of landfill.

With great weather, good food, and a strong sense of community, the day was a real success! Any items left unclaimed were donated to a local second-hand shop, ensuring nothing went to waste.

## Garden to Table Seedling Sale

In spring we supported over 100 schools with their **Garden to Table Seedling Sale** fundraiser. Months of work produced a great range of healthy seedlings, including tomatoes, watermelon, courgette, chilli, capsicum, corn, herbs, sunflowers and swan plants.

We visited the Seedling Sale at St Mary's School in Tauranga and loved seeing the students' creativity with extras like popcorn from last summer's corn, herb salt bags, and seeds wrapped in newspaper envelopes for sale.

This annual event helps schools raise funds by selling locally grown seedlings to their communities. Tui has proudly supported Garden to Table for over 10 years, including providing Tui Seed Raising Mix and seeds to help schools grow their plants.



# TUI GARDEN WORDSEARCH

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Find the following words in the puzzle.

Words are hidden up, down, forward, backward and diagonally.

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|------------|-----------|-----------|
| bark       | indoor    | revive    |
| bird       | lawn      | rose      |
| boost      | lime      | seaweed   |
| bountiful  | liquid    | seed      |
| citrus     | moss      | sheep     |
| compost    | mulch     | pellets   |
| feed       | nourish   | soil      |
| fertiliser | organic   | superfood |
| fish       | outdoor   | sustain   |
| garden     | pea straw | tomato    |
| granular   | plant     | tonic     |
| grass      | potting   | tui       |
| grow       | protect   | urea      |
| gypsum     | quash     | vegetable |
| harvest    | repair    | worm farm |
| hydrangea  | restore   |           |

# Little Autumn Win: Refresh Soil.

Mix in to revive tired soils for happier plants.

Autumn is full of gardening jobs that are easy to start, easy to finish and feel instantly rewarding. Embrace these Little Autumn Wins to keep your gardening momentum going strong.

One of the easiest and most rewarding jobs right now is giving your soil a refresh. After the demands of spring and the growing season, your garden beds are ready for a nutrient top-up. Replenishing the soil not only helps keep your plants healthy and productive, but also sets the stage for a fertile, thriving environment for whatever you're planting next. Adding organic matter is a quick, effective way to give your garden exactly what it needs – a true autumn win!

**Tui Compost** is an easy way to give your garden a well-deserved boost. Packed with nutrient rich organic matter, it helps replenish the nutrients your plants have used up during the growing season. Thanks to its blend of organic material, blood and bone, and gypsum it works wonders across all soil types – loosening up heavy clay, improving drainage in compacted beds, and helping sandy soils hold onto precious moisture. It also stimulates healthy microbial activity and invites more earthworms into your garden, creating a richer, more vibrant environment that your plants will love.

**Tui Organic Sheep Pellets** are another simple way to give your garden a natural boost, whether you're preparing the soil or planting something new. Rich in organic matter, they help improve soil structure, encourage hardworking earthworms, and deliver gentle nourishment to your plants – all the good things your garden needs. Dig into your garden beds, drop into planting holes or scatter around existing planting – they're versatile enough to use all year round, and will keep enriching your beds and borders season after season.

Learn more about why soil health is so important at our [NEW Soil Health Hub](#).



# AUTUMN LAWN CARE

## SOW THE SEED

Before sowing clear the area and remove any unwanted weeds and grass. Add a 25-30mm layer of **Tui LawnForce® Lawn Preparation Mix** to the area to give lawn seed a base of essential nutrients and fertiliser.

**NEW** this autumn - a smaller 15L **Tui LawnForce® Lawn Preparation Mix** ideal for patching.

Choose a **Tui LawnForce® Superstrike® Lawn Seed** suited to your climate and lawn use. Use the table on page 13 to help you select the perfect seed to sow this autumn. **Tui LawnForce® Superstrike® Lawn Seed** germinates in as little as seven days in ideal weather conditions. Sow seed on a fine day, rake gently to cover seed and water lightly.

## PATCH-UP

Restore your lawn to its previous glory by repairing bare patches. Choose the **Tui LawnForce® Superstrike® Lawn Seed** to match your lawn, or the conveniently sized **Tui LawnForce® Superstrike® Patch Pack** for small jobs.

## REVITALISE AND THICKEN

Top-up tired lawns after a busy summer with essential nutrients for thick, healthy growth and less weeds.

Fertilise established lawns with **Tui LawnForce® All Purpose Fertiliser**. For new lawns, apply **Tui LawnForce® New Lawns** before laying lawn seed, or directly after seeding to encourage thick, green growth.

## CONTROL WEEDS

Eliminate common broadleaf weeds including creeping oxalis, clover and dandelion from invading your lawn with **Tui LawnForce® Weedkill Lawn Fertiliser**.

## TREAT MOSS

Moss in your lawn usually indicates an underlying issue. Autumn and spring are the best times to tackle it.

### Common causes for moss:

- Poor drainage
- Heavy clay soils
- Shade e.g. shaded side of the house or trees shading the lawn
- Lack of nutrients
- Heavy foot traffic causing compacted soil

**To prevent moss:** improve drainage by aerating the lawn, add **Tui LawnForce® Lawn Preparation Mix** to fill holes and boost soil health, apply gypsum on heavy clay soils, increase light in shaded areas, overseed thin patches, and feed the lawn in autumn and spring with slow-release lawn fertiliser to promote healthy growth.

Treat existing moss with **Tui Moss Control**, then rake out the blackened moss and over-sow with lawn seed.

For a fertiliser and moss control use **Tui Lawn Fertiliser**.

Look out instore for our **Tui LawnForce® Handheld Spreader** kit this autumn which includes a **FREE 1kg All Purpose Fertiliser!**

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# Little Autumn Win: Patch Lawns.

Faster growth for thick and healthy lawns.



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# CHOOSING THE RIGHT LAWN SEED

Does the area get everyday wear and tear from pets, kids or cars?

Yes No

Is the area prone to water restrictions/drought?

Is the area in a shady spot?

Yes No

Yes No

Do you have hot summers/are the conditions dry?

Are you after a fuller thick lawn?

LawnForce® Superstrike® Shady Places

Are you after a dark green lawn?

Yes

LawnForce® Superstrike® Hot & Dry

Yes

LawnForce® Superstrike® Tall Fescue

No

LawnForce® Superstrike® Easycare

No

LawnForce® Superstrike® Easycare

Yes

LawnForce® Superstrike® Hardwearing

No

LawnForce® Superstrike® All Seasons

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# AUTUMN HARVEST TIPS

Autumn is one of the most satisfying times in the garden and you may have plenty ready for picking. The soil will still be holding some warmth, so it's a good time to gather what's ready before frosts or heavy dews start affecting quality. With a bit of prep now you can keep enjoying your homegrown produce well into winter.

## BLANCHING BASICS FOR FREEZING

If you're planning to freeze vegetables, a quick blanch can help them hold their colour and texture. Give veges a brief dip in boiling water, then cool them quickly. An ice bath afterwards is useful, and letting everything dry well can help reduce freezer burn.

**Veges that benefit most from blanching:**

- Beans: 2–3 minutes
- Broccoli/cauliflower: 2–3 minutes
- Spinach/silverbeet: 1–2 minutes
- Carrots (sliced): ~3 minutes

## SIMPLE PROCESSING OPTIONS

There are plenty of low-fuss ways to make the most of your harvest. Freeze chopped vegetables in flat, labelled bags for easy portions. Extra tomatoes or veges could become sauces for the freezer. Autumn fruits can be stewed and frozen for winter baking, turned into crumbles or compotes, or sliced and dehydrated for long lasting snacks. Small batches of pickles or chutney are an easy way to use up odds and ends. Herbs often freeze well too – ice-cube trays with water or olive oil work nicely.

## PREVENTING SPOILAGE

It's usually best to store only unblemished produce. A quick weekly check can help you catch any soft or mouldy pieces before they affect the rest. Keep storage areas cool, dry and rodent-safe too.

## STORING PRODUCE FOR THE COOLER MONTHS

A few gentle steps can help your crops last longer.

- **Pumpkins and squash:** Let them sit in a warm, dry spot for 10–14 days after picking. This “curing” helps toughen their skin and makes them last longer in storage.
- **Potatoes:** Brush off soil and keep them in darkness to help prevent greening. Make sure they're dry before storing.
- **Onions and garlic:** Give them time to dry fully before storing.



## PREPARING FOR THE SEASONS AHEAD

Autumn's also a good time to think ahead. You can save seeds from pumpkins, beans and any favourite varieties. Adding compost to cleared beds now can help set things up for winter and early spring crops.





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## HARVEST RECIPE

### GINGER PEAR LOAF WITH SALTED CARAMEL SAUCE

#### Base

- 2 pears, sliced about 3mm thick
- 120g unsalted butter, softened
- 160g brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 120g golden syrup
- 1 tsp vanilla essence
- 270g plain flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 ½ tbsp ground ginger
- ½ tsp cinnamon
- ½ tsp salt (if using salted butter, omit extra salt)
- 250ml milk

#### Salted caramel sauce

- 125ml water
- 325g caster sugar
- 250ml pouring cream
- 50g unsalted butter
- 1 tsp salt

#### To make the loaf

1. Preheat your oven to 160°C fan bake. Line a 21cm x 11cm loaf tin with baking paper and spray with oil. Arrange the sliced pears tightly in the tin, some will overlap and that's okay.
2. In a stand mixer, beat the softened butter and brown sugar for 2 minutes. Scrape down the bowl, then add the egg, golden syrup and vanilla. Quickly mix until combined. Sift all the dry ingredients together in a separate bowl, then add them to the batter.
3. Pour in all of the milk and mix until smooth. Pour the batter into the loaf tin and place into the oven. Bake for 50-60 minutes. Check at 50min with a skewer, but it could need more time, mine took 55min.
4. Remove from the oven and leave to cool in the tin for 10 minutes before turning out onto a cooling rack.

#### Salted caramel sauce

1. Whilst the loaf is baking, make the caramel sauce. Put the water and caster sugar into a medium heavy saucepan over a high heat.
2. Heat, swirling occasionally, so no sugar crystals form around the edges. If it is starting to look a bit crispy on the sides of the pot, get a wet pastry brush and run it around the edge of the pot to re-dissolve the sugar.
3. When the sugar has become a golden amber colour, slowly and carefully pour in the cream (otherwise it may splash up) and gently whisk. Be careful of the steam!
4. Once all the cream is whisked in, add the butter and salt, then whisk again until all combined.
5. Drizzle the salted caramel sauce over top of the loaf and serve immediately. Yum!



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