

Gherkin Cucumber



Cucumbers can be allowed to grow on the ground, but for longer, straighter fruit and to save garden space, grow them in a cage or on a trellis, allowing 1 foot between plants. Keep them well watered, and keep the fruits picked promptly.

Cucumis melo var 'Gherkin'

- **Use:** Grow little gherkins in patio pots with this award-winning beauty! Parisian gherkin (don't you love the name) is one of the very few organic varieties ever to win an All-America Selections. But when the judges saw this compact, semi-vining plant setting masses of scrumptious little black-spined cukes, they had no choice!
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full sun or at least 5-6 hours of afternoon sun. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry.
- **Growth:** The plant reaches just 10 or 12 inches high, but is generously branched and sets about two dozen fruits. Of course, it can be grown in the veggie patch as well as in containers, and shows great vigor in any setting.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 9-11, Annual,
- **Fruit/Flower:** Best picked at just 2 to 4 inches long (about 1 to 2 ounces), these cukes are not mushy little fall-aparts. They have texture, grip, and bite. Very crisp and flavorful, they are a delectable treat raw or sliced, but have been labeled gherkins because they hold up so well to pickling, and make the perfect little pickles for gourmet occasions as well as everyday noshing.