

Planning Your Square Foot Garden

To get the most out of your Square Foot Garden, use this worksheet to plan your garden beds.

How Many Vegetables or Fruits to a Square?

Mel divided up vegetables, fruits, and flowers into size categories so you'd know how many of each to plant in a square. Here's a handy list:



1 PER TWO SQUARES*

- Summer Squash (vine)
- Pumpkin or Winter Squash (vine)
- Cantaloupe or melons



1 PER SQUARE

- Tomato (vine)
- Cabbage
- Okra
- Broccoli
- Cauliflower
- Pepper (hot or sweet)
- Tomatillo
- Cilantro
- Basil (large)



2 PER SQUARE*

- Cucumber



4 PER SQUARE

- Head lettuce
- Kale
- Swiss Chard
- Arugula
- Parsley
- Strawberry
- Potato
- Marigold
- Pansy
- Salvia
- Basil (small)



8 PER SQUARE*

- Snap Pea
- Pole Bean



9 PER SQUARE

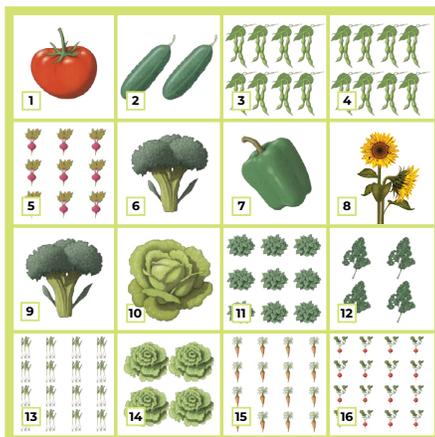
- Turnips
- Beets
- Spinach
- Onion – bulb
- Bush Bean



16 PER SQUARE

- Carrots
- Radish
- Bunching Onions

**This is a personal choice, as it deviates from the 1-4-9-16 typical spacing.*



The easy vegetable garden is planted with these vegetables, reading from top left: (1) Tomato × 1; (2) Cucumber × 2; (3) Pole bean × 8; (4) Pole bean × 8; (5) Beet × 9; (6) Broccoli × 1; (7) Green pepper × 1; (8) Flowers; (9) Broccoli × 1; (10) Cabbage × 1; (11) Spinach × 9; (12) Parsley × 4; (13) Green onion × 16; (14) Leaf lettuce × 4; (15) Carrots × 16; (16) Radishes × 16.

Laying Out Your Garden: Rules of Thumb

- Grow climbing or vining vegetables in an outside row along the north side of your bed
- Avoid planting two squares with the same vegetables right next to each other whenever possible
- Include a square planted with flowers to attract pollinators and help with pest control.

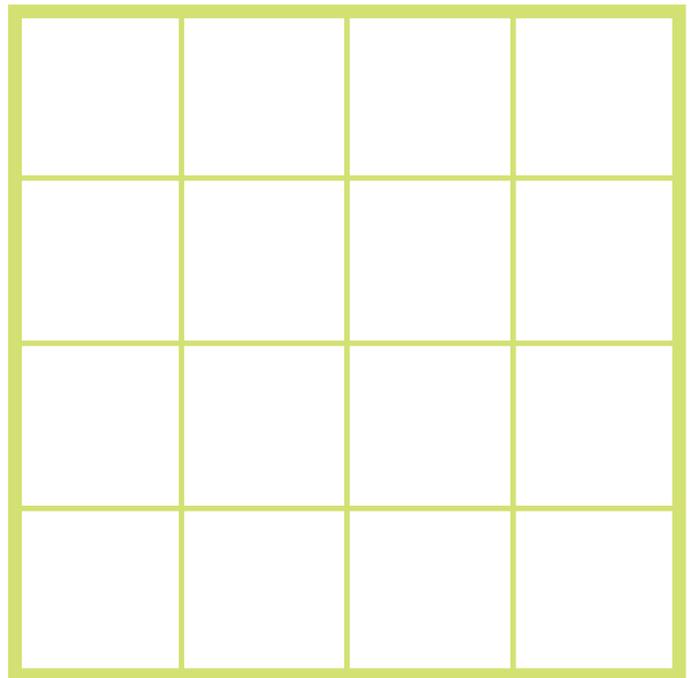
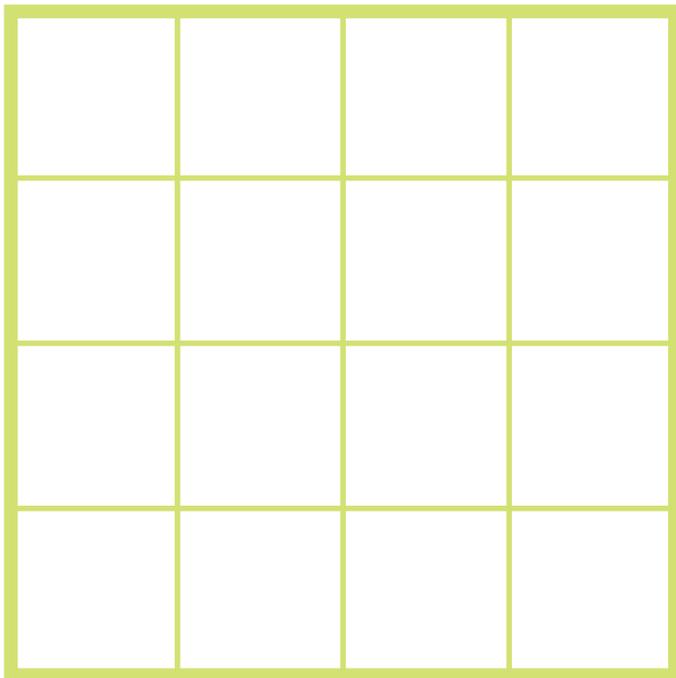
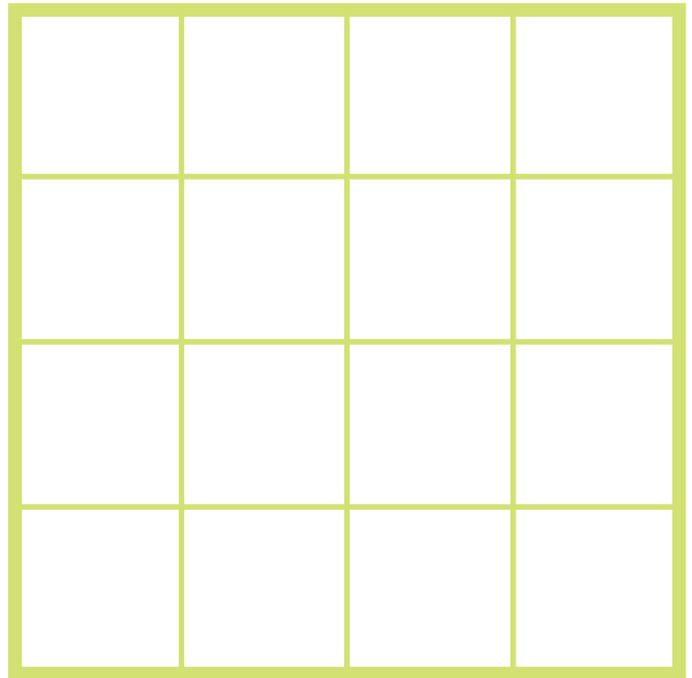
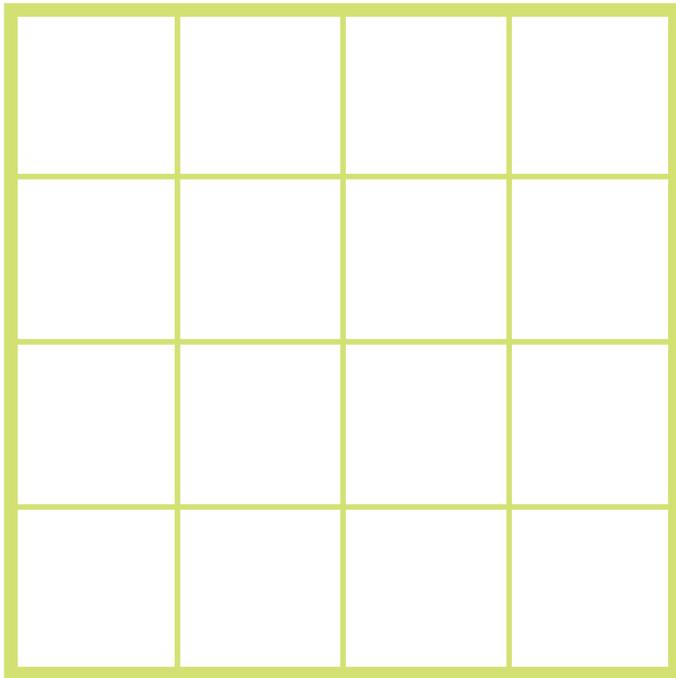
Sample Easy to Grow Garden

(Pictured, left)

If you're new to Square Foot Gardening, here's a simple plan you can use. Be sure to check the timing for planting cool weather veggies such as lettuce.

Garden Planning Worksheets

Plan your garden using our 1-4-9-16 spacing recommendations.



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