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
- 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.

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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