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**Summer squash – Bossa Nova**

**A 2015 winner of the All America Selections award for improved earliness and lateness (meaning that it keeps producing nearly a month after others have quit for the season), terrific texture and flavor, plus charming green-on-green stripes and mottles that make the fruit easy to see among all those shadows and dark green leaves when you're harvesting.**

**Bossa Nova will be fighting the diseases problems of zucchini yellows virus, and watermelon mosaic virus – resistances that many other squash do not offer, and its earliness helps protect it from squash borers.**

**The vine is quite compact, reaching 4 feet long, and easy to train up a fence or other sturdy support if your garden is space-challenged.**

**Culture: Well-drained, sandy loam that is high in organic matter. It's very important to keep the plants weeded**

**Spacing: 1 inch deep, 24 inches apart. Or you can plant several seeds in “hills” 4 feet apart and then thin to 2 plants per hill.**

**Irrigation:** **Squash requires regular and even watering. Keep the soil just moist. Avoid overhead watering (to prevent damaged, diseased leaves from Powdery Mildew.)**

**Fertilization: Fertilize before planting and then again every 3 weeks until you harvest.** **Squash are heavy feeders. A balanced fertilizer is ideal; nitrogen will help with the plant growth, potassium and phosphate will help with fruit production.**

**Squash blossoms are also edible!**

**Maturity: 30-45 days. Harvest when 6-8 inches and do so frequently!**

[**https://parkseed.com/bossa-nova-hybrid-squash-seeds/p/52581-PK-P1/**](https://parkseed.com/bossa-nova-hybrid-squash-seeds/p/52581-PK-P1/)

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**Grow squash with celeriac, celery, corn, nasturtiums, melons, onions, radishes, peas, and beans. Avoid growing squash with potatoes.**