How to grow strawberries



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Before planting your strawberry plants make sure the ground is well prepared and raked.



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Plant each strawberry plant 30cm apart as these plants will get bigger.





Using your trowel dig a small hole. Release the plant from its pot and plant directly into the hole.

Draw soil and push down around the plant, compacting it tightly into the soil.

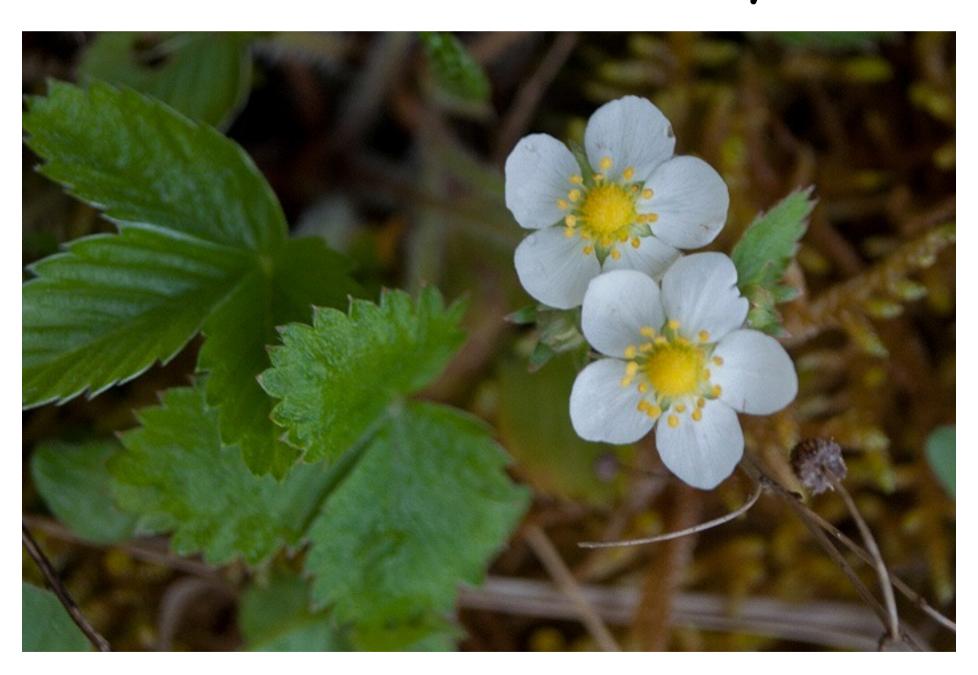


Now water your plant. Give it a good soak.



When the plants are established white flowers will appear.

These will then turn gradually into the strawberry.



The first fruits will appear green and with consistent water will swell in size.



Caring for your strawberries after planting



After care

The fruits will need to be covered while they are ripening.

This will stop any birds or rodents from eating the fruit.



Strawberry fruits hang and can lay on the ground and rot quickly.

A layer of straw around each plant and fruit

will help stop this and also keep weeds down around the plant.



Harvesting



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Pick the fruit by gently pulling them from the stalk or cut them from the plant.