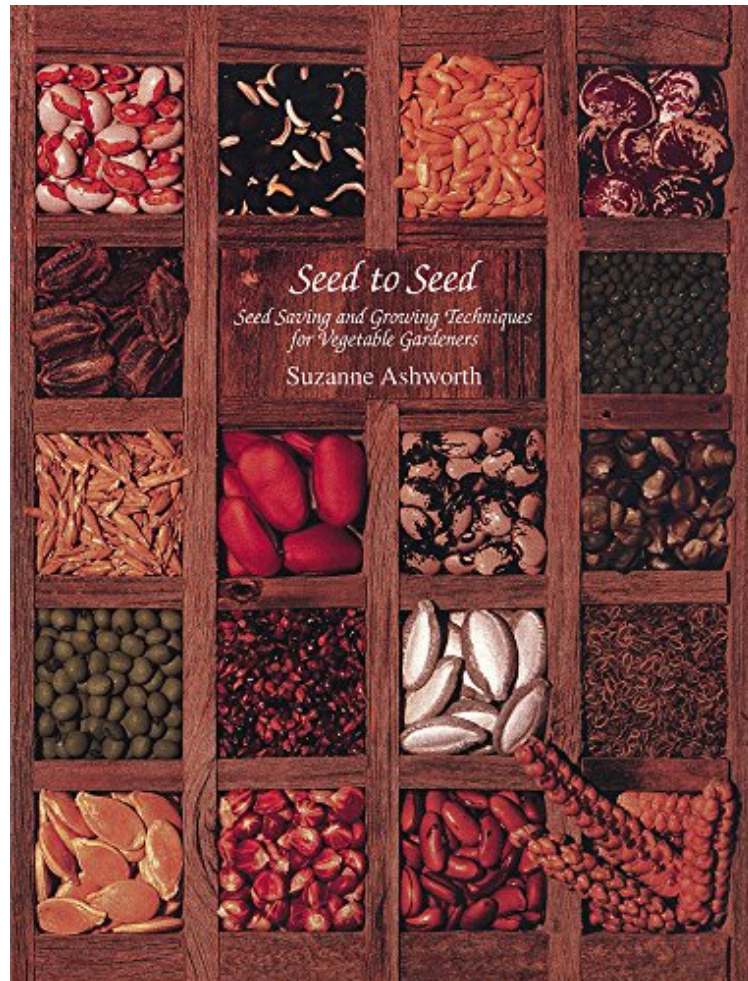


# Seed to Seed: Seed Saving and Growing Techniques for Vegetable Gardeners, 2nd Edition

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**Suzanne Ashworth : Seed to Seed: Seed Saving and Growing Techniques for Vegetable Gardeners, 2nd Edition** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Seed to Seed: Seed Saving and Growing Techniques for Vegetable Gardeners, 2nd Edition:

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last years saved seeds looks just like it should. This book covers all the techniques, issues and risks although I think it's very much geared towards multi-generation saving of entirely pure seed - you don't need to be quite so careful on the isolation if you just want to grow one generation of kale for your own use (mine came out okay in spite of only minor control of nearby brassicas), and saving seed with only two chard plants, not enough genetic diversity to preserve a variety for long, can by themselves produce enough seed so you'll eat chard every day for 5 years. It's also a great reference for unusual vegetables, it's amazingly complete; you can find out about 4-sided bean or other tropical type vegetables. And it sorts out the different squash and pepper species very well. The gardening information in each section hasn't impressed me much as useful or accurate; but we are in-between the zones they provide. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful addition to a homesteader library By Linda Warren When I purchased this book, I didn't really need it, because I have been saving seeds for years, but I love the book, and will keep it as a reference.

Seed to Seed is a complete seed-saving guide that describes specific techniques for saving the seeds of 160 different vegetables. This book contains detailed information about each vegetable, including its botanical classification, flower structure and means of pollination, required population size, isolation distance, techniques for caging or hand-pollination, and also the proper methods for harvesting, drying, cleaning, and storing the seeds. Seed to Seed is widely acknowledged as the best guide available for home gardeners to learn effective ways to produce and store seeds on a small scale. The author has grown seed crops of every vegetable featured in the book, and has thoroughly researched and tested all of the techniques she recommends for the home garden. This newly updated and greatly expanded Second Edition includes additional information about how to start each vegetable from seed, which has turned the book into a complete growing guide. Local knowledge about seed starting techniques for each vegetable has been shared by expert gardeners from seven regions of the United States-Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Southeast/Gulf Coast, Midwest, Southwest, Central West Coast, and Northwest.

About the Author Suzanne Ashworth is an educational administrator living in Sacramento, California, whose spare time and large backyard are completely devoted to gardening. Suzanne has donated the text of Seed to Seed to help support the work of the Seed Savers Exchange, a genetic preservation organization with 8,000 members who are working together to maintain and distribute heirloom varieties of vegetables, fruits, grains, flowers, and herbs. Kent Whealy is the cofounder of Seed Savers Exchange, a nonprofit organization committed to saving heirloom garden seeds from extinction. Founded in 1975 by Kent and Diane Whealy, Seed Savers Exchange (SSE) now has nearly 8,000 members around the world. Its headquarters are at Heritage Farm in Decorah, Iowa. Excerpt. Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved. "An estimated 60 million Americans grow a portion of their own food in a vegetable garden. Their planting needs are supplied by 255 mail order seed companies, countless local outlets for seeds and plants, and the ever-present grocery store seed rack . . . There have always been a substantial minority of gardeners, however, who bypass the garden seed industry completely by saving their own seeds from year to year. Some of these seed savers, remnants of a recently lost peasant agriculture which purchased nothing that could be produced at home, are still planting the same vegetable varieties that their great-grandparents grew. Other new converts to seed saving may be trying to save something special discovered along the way, or to obtain unique plant material not available commercially. Still others have simply been touched by the powerful satisfaction that comes from a garden which is genuinely self-perpetuating."--from the Introduction