

Growing Guide For Raspberry Varieties 'Ruby Beauty®', 'Sweet Little Sister®' & 'Yummy®'

These three compact raspberry varieties are suitable for growing in the smallest of spaces and gardens and can be planted both in the ground or in pots and containers on the patio. We recommend applying rootgrow® at the time of planting to help encourage strong root growth and aid establishment. This should be sprinkled evenly over the base of the planting hole, following the recommended application rate and ensuring that the roots are in contact with the powder.

Raspberry 'Ruby Beauty'®

This summer fruiting raspberry fruits in early summer (from around June) and grows to just 1 metre tall, producing multiple stems that are sturdy and require little or no support.

'Ruby Beauty'® is simple to grow and maintain and should be treated in the same way as you would other summer fruiting raspberries, in that you cut out the canes once they have finished fruiting and allow the new ones to grow on for next year's crop. Feed annually each February with a compound fertilizer such as Ken Muir's 'Fruit Tree, Cane, Vine and Bush Feed', 'Osmacote' or Vitax 'Q4'.

We recommend planting one plant per 10 litre pot, or three per 40 litre container, using a John Innes No.3 compost. Allow 70cm (2ft 4in) between plants when growing them in the ground.

Raspberry 'Bonbonberry® Yummy®' & 'Sweet Little Sister®'

These two autumn fruiting raspberry varieties produce fruit on the current season's growth, so you can look forward to harvesting a small crop within the first year of planting.

Raspberry 'Yummy^{®'} is an extremely compact variety that grows to a height and spread of around just 50cm (1ft 8in). When grown in the ground plants should be spaced 50cm (1ft 8in) apart.

'Sweet Little Sister®' grows slightly taller with an eventual height and spread of 1m (3ft 3in) x 80cm (2ft 7in). Plants should be spaced 80cm (2ft 7in) apart when grown in a row.

Both varieties are ideal for growing in containers where you should allow one plant per 10 litre pot, or three per 40 litre container, using a John Innes No.3 compost.

Prune each February, cutting the old canes down to 5cm. A compound fertilizer such as Ken Muir's 'Fruit Tree, Cane, Vine and Bush Feed', 'Osmacote' or Vitax 'Q4' should also be applied at this time.