

Companion planting - for a happy healthy vegie patch

There is so much more to companion gardening than just planting this with that. This is a “potted” info guide to whet your appetite and enhance the pleasure of growing your own vegies.

Beans — Grow with eggplant, cucumbers, strawberries, celery, onions, marigolds. Tansey & feverfew help repel insects.

Beetroot— Grows well with onions, lettuce, silver beet & spinach.

Board beans— Grow well with viola & marjoram. Lettuce is a good border plant.

Broccoli— Enjoys growing with onions, leeks, celery, rosemary, sage & chamomile.

Cabbage— Plant with rosemary border, under plant with pennyroyal as an insect deterrent, grow with onions & thyme for productivity.

Capsicum— Grow well with basil, tomatoes, rhubarb, eggplant, lettuce, silver beet, parsley.

Carrots— Will have good colour & crispness when planted with leeks. Grow well with sage, lettuce, chives, peas, rosemary & viola. Parsley helps repel insects.

Cauliflower— Enjoy leeks, onions, calendula, kale, sage, thyme.

Celery— Grow with tomato, leeks, marjoram & thyme. Use milk cartons to blanch stems.

Chilli— Good with lettuce, squash, cucumber & viola.

Cucumber— Beans & peas stimulate the growth.

Kale— Dislikes strawberries & beans – plants as with cabbages.

Lettuce - Interplant with strawberries, beetroot, radish to enhance flavour.

Onions - Great companions with cabbage & carrots. Lettuce is a good border.

Peas— Grow well with radish, cucumbers, carrots & beans.

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Silver beet— Grows well with beetroot & parsnip – also Italian lavender.

Spinach— Enjoys the company of strawberries.

Brussels sprouts— Grow with thyme or pennyroyal to deter insects. Plant with sage, rosemary for improved productivity.

Tomato— Grows well with asparagus, parsley, capsicum & chilli, basil helps to repel fruit fly.

Zucchini— Likes to grow with lettuce, capsicum, corn, silver beet, spinach, squash, tomatoes & parsley.

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