

# Green Bean Teepee Guide

Here's a fun and productive summer project for the whole family, a green bean teepee!

## Supplies needed:

- Green Bean Seeds (suggestions: Renee's Musica, French Duet or Tricolor) or pole bean seedlings
- Dr. Earth Tomato, Vegetable & Herb Food
- Gardner & Bloome Harvest Supreme
- 4 eight foot (or taller) bamboo poles or stakes.
- Tie Tape
- Monterey Sluggo



- Choose a spot about 6 feet square in full sun.
- Dig up and loosen the soil to the depth of 1 foot, and mix in 1 bag of *Harvest Supreme*.
- Sprinkle the ground with 5 cups *Dr. Earth Tomato, Vegetable and Herb Fertilizer* and mix in to a depth of at least 6 inches.
- At one end, tie together four 8-foot-long (or longer) bamboo poles (or green plastic-covered garden stakes). Set up your teepee with the legs spread about 4 feet apart and the ends shoved 3 to 4 inches into the ground.
- Around each pole plant 5 or 6 pole bean seeds 3 inches apart, with the scar side down. Plant 1 inch deep. Pat it down gently.
- Water deeply after planting. Don't water again until the beans come up unless the soil begins to dry out. (Sometimes beans rot instead of coming up).
- Once the seedlings have emerged keep them well watered and protect them from snails. We recommend safe, organic Monterey **Sluggo**.
- When the seedlings are 3 or 4 inches tall thin to the best three on each pole. (Snip the others off with scissors.)
- You can also get a headstart by starting with seedling pole bean plants rather than by seed.
- Give the young plants a helping hand and a little tie tape to start them winding around the poles. Once started, they'll keep going with no further help from you.
- Water deeply through the summer approximately once every 5 to 7 days.

## Happy Harvests!