



A GARDENER'S GUIDE TO Growing Five-Color Silverbeet Swiss Chard

Have you ever wished you could harvest a rainbow? Well, with Five-Color Silverbeet Swiss Chard, you practically can! This isn't your average green; it's a feast for the eyes and the palate, boasting vibrant stems in shades of yellow, pink, red, orange, and white. But the beauty doesn't stop there – Five-Color Silverbeet is a nutritional powerhouse, brimming with vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants.

THE GREENHOUSE ADVANTAGE: Swiss Chard Throughout the Seasons

One of the biggest perks of cultivating Swiss chard in a greenhouse is that you're not restricted by pesky last frost dates. Your greenhouse provides the perfect environment for this versatile veggie to flourish, no matter the season. So, get ready to enjoy homegrown, fresh Swiss Chard whenever your heart desires!

Cultivating Your Colorful Bounty: A Step-by-Step Guide

Seeding Swiss Chard is a breeze - literally, you can sow them anytime! Here's how to cultivate this dazzling delight in your greenhouse:

Soil: Ensure your greenhouse provides loose, well-draining soil rich in organic matter. This will grant your Swiss Chard the ideal foundation to thrive.

Temperature: For optimal germination, aim for a temperature range of 50°F to 85°F (10°C to 29°C). Typically, germination takes 7-14 days, and then the magic begins!

Lighting: Your greenhouse takes care of the lighting needs. Swiss Chard thrives under the sunshine you provide through your greenhouse haven.

Planting Depth and Spacing: Sow your seeds about ½ inch deep, spacing them 8-12 inches apart in containers, grow bags, or raised greenhouse beds. This will give your Swiss Chard ample room to grow and produce an abundance of colorful leaves.





Harvesting Your Swiss Chard

You can expect your first harvest in just 55-60 days after planting. Start by harvesting the outer leaves when they reach a size of 6-8 inches. The beauty of Swiss Chard is its continuous production – as you harvest the outer leaves, the plant will keep churning out more, making it a true greenhouse staple.



Just one cup of cooked Swiss Chard offers a treasure trove of essential vitamins and minerals, including:



A mere 35 calories per cup: Making it a perfect choice for health-conscious gardeners.



Vitamin A: A whopping 44% of your daily recommended value, essential for maintaining healthy vision and a strong immune system.



Vitamin K: One cup provides a staggering 700% of your daily Vitamin K needs! This vitamin is crucial for bone health and blood clotting.



Iron, Magnesium, and Potassium: This dynamic trio is essential for maintaining energy levels and overall health.



Antioxidants: Five-Color Silverbeet is loaded with antioxidants, which help combat inflammation and support a robust immune system.



Sautéed Swiss Chard with Garlic and Lemon

Ingredients

1 bunch Swiss chard (ribs and leaves separated)
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 tbsp olive oil
Juice of ½ lemon

Cooking Instructions

1. Heat olive oil in a pan over medium heat
2. Add garlic and sauté until fragrant
3. Add chard stems first, cook for 2 minutes, then add leaves
4. Cook until wilted, squeeze lemon juice, and season with salt and pepper

Rainbow Swiss Chard Quiche

Ingredients

1 store-bought pie crust or homemade crust
1 ½ cups chopped Swiss chard
1 small onion, chopped
4 large eggs
1 cup milk
½ cup shredded cheese (Swiss or cheddar)

Cooking Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C)
2. Sauté onion and chard until softened
3. In a bowl, whisk eggs and milk, add cheese, and mix in the veggies
4. Pour mixture into the crust and bake for 35-40 minutes until set

Swiss Chard & White Bean Soup

Ingredients

2 tbsp olive oil
1 onion, diced
2 carrots, chopped
4 cups broth (vegetable or chicken)
1 can white beans, drained
4 cups chopped Swiss chard

Cooking Instructions

1. Sauté onion and carrots in olive oil until tender
2. Add broth and beans, simmer for 10 minutes
3. Stir in Swiss chard and cook for another 5 minutes
4. Season to taste.

Growing Five-Color Silverbeet in your greenhouse means fresh, homegrown greens no matter the season. Whether it's snowing or sunny outside, your greenhouse keeps this colorful and nutritious veggie thriving!

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