

GROWER'S GUIDE SAVING SEEDS

fleshy seeds

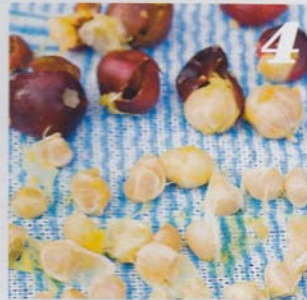
Some seeds are big and held inside a fleshy fruit. Most fruiting plants and some larger vegies, such as pumpkins, are good examples of plants with fleshy seeds. Here, we show how it's done with clivia seeds. These have interesting seeds; the ripe pod colour matches the flower colour, so our clivias will flower orange-red. Yellow-flowered clivias have yellow seed pods.



* STEP-BY-STEP CLIVIA SEEDS



Clivias surround their seed with a fleshy covering which needs to ripen fully to expose the large seeds inside.



Lay ripened seeds on cloth, Chux or paper towels to allow the remaining fleshy coating to dry. The seeds will be dry after seven to 14 days, left in a warm, protected dry spot (outdoors or indoors).



When ripe the fruit is soft and the skins are deeply coloured, and the seed will be ready to harvest.



Seeds can be sown in the ground or pots, but another way is to mix them with moistened sphagnum moss in a plastic bag. Tie the top to retain moisture and place the bag on a well-lit windowsill.



These coloured skins split and are very easy to remove, revealing the flesh and hard seeds inside.



After a couple of months the seeds will sprout. Once you see green shoots, it's time to transplant germinated seedlings into pots or trays.