



# carrots.

**Sow:** Early spring onwards 2in apart.

**Soil:** Roots will fork in freshly manured soil, so grow in stone-free ground manured for previous crop. Prefers sandy soils.

**Sun:** Full sun or light shade.

**Grow:** Weed regularly, and don't overwater.

**Harvest:** Dusting back the soil around the plant's base will show you how thick the carrots are. Ease out of the soil using a hand fork.

**Problems:** Carrot fly is a serious pest. Cover crops with fleece, and avoid thinning as the scent of carrot foliage attracts the flies. Flies can't fly higher than 2ft, so growing in raised beds or pots is also an option. Slugs devour the young foliage, so use garlic spray and water nematodes into soil when sowing seeds.

For more advice on growing and cooking carrots, visit the Stylish Gardening Blog: [fennelandfern.co.uk](http://fennelandfern.co.uk)