

Seeding Square Review: An Essential Tool for the Square Foot Gardener



In this review, I'll explain how the seeding square makes organized planting a cinch!

The Square Foot Gardening method has been my go-to since I began gardening. I love it for many reasons. It allows me to maximize my planting space and close spacing keeps weed growth to a minimum. My favorite aspect, though, is how organized everything looks. I love that each [square foot](#) has a purpose. The spacing requirements make it easy to spot weeds and thinning seedlings is a piece of cake.

However, even with a grid it can be tough to accurately

eyeball spacing—especially for crops like carrots and [radishes](#), whose spacing is 16 per square foot. My self-made holes aren't always perfectly aligned, and I often get the planting depth wrong. And when I opt to use the SFG method in beds without grids, I often forget where I've started sowing.

How Does it Work?



The Seeding Square is an attempt to make the Square Foot Gardening method even easier. Sure, a stick works wonders in a pinch, but having perfectly spaced holes really makes a difference.

The gardening tool ships in a square-shaped box. The square itself is slightly raised with a hollow back end to allow for indentations in the soil. As you stamp the square into the earth, it creates a makeshift grid.

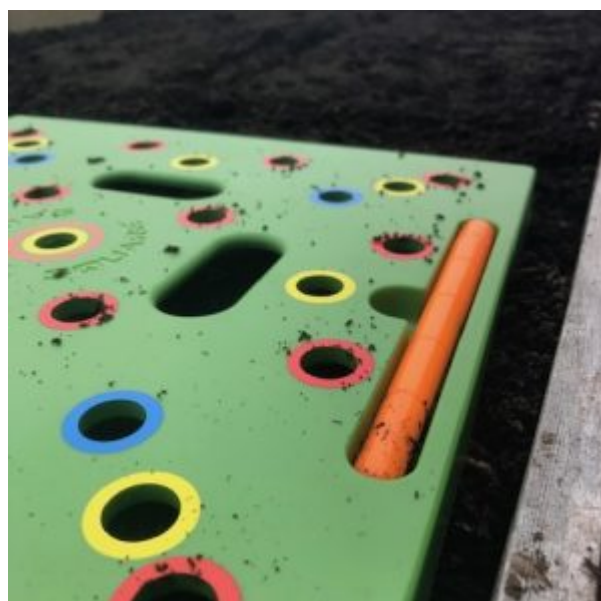
The Seeding Square includes a small plastic dibbler with seed depth indicators. On the other side of the wand is a spoon-shaped end for scooping up seeds. The third funnel piece, which clicks to the unit for storage, helps direct [seeds](#) into their respective holes.

The Seeding Square itself is full of color-coded holes to help

guide your planting. If you're planting carrot seeds, for instance, you can use the wand to poke 16 holes through the red-colored circles. The color-coding concept is a fantastic teaching tool for introducing newcomers to the SFG method. It's also a great way to involve kids in gardening. If you're totally new to gardening, don't worry because the package includes planting guides to help gardeners get started. You can also [download](#) them online.

My Thoughts on the Seeding Square

Last week, the soil finally warmed, and I was ready to start sowing cool-weather plants like spinach and bok choy. It was the perfect time to put the Seeding Square to the test.

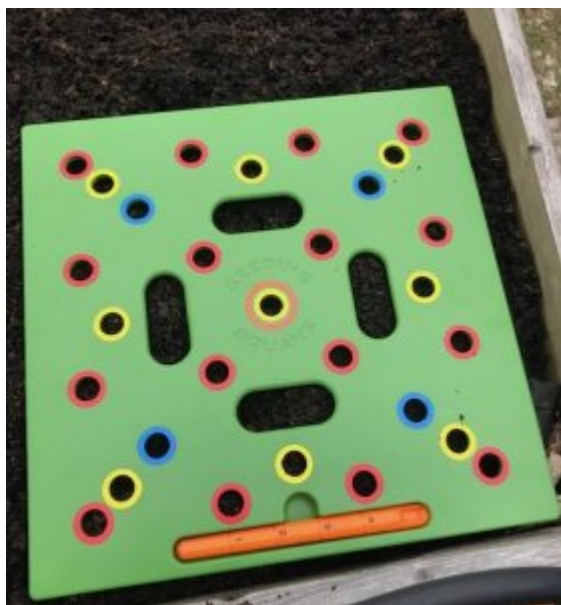


First off, I'll say that I was incredibly impressed with the construction of the gardening accessory. It's super sturdy, and I wasn't afraid to press it firmly into the soil. I imagine it'll hold up for a long while. ***(update: 1 year later and it's still going strong!)***

Part of my garden features semi-permanent wooden grids, which is where I first began my planting with the Seeding Square. It's a bit tough to use the square atop a grid, but if my beds were completely filled, I suspect it would be easier. I still was able to poke the holes I needed and finished with planting in no time at all.

The Seeding Square really made my life easier in the no-grid

portion of my garden. A quick press into the soil and my faux-grid was complete. I expect perfect squares of seedlings to pop up any day now!



I didn't end up using the spoon end of the wand nor did I find myself choosing to use the funnel, but they're helpful add-ons that others may find useful. There's also little chance of losing the wand because it magnetizes to the square.

The square itself is super easy to clean, too. A quick rinse under the tap and it looked good as new.

An Inexpensive Tool for Frugal Gardeners

I look forward to using the Seeding Square throughout the season and beyond. It's a well thought out tool that's built-to-last, and it works exactly as intended. I even left my first planting day of the season without dirt under my fingernails!

What I'm about to type is a bit of blasphemy in the world of SFG, but the Seeding Square has me thinking that I may not

replace my grids once they eventual



Why do I recommend this product to frugal gardeners? It's a small investment that will last you a long time. It's also a great entry tool for those interested in Square Foot Gardening. I'm a big believer that organization in the garden leads to pennies saved.

Check out the [Seeding Square](#) website for more info. The product may also be purchased on [Amazon](#).

Disclaimer: I was graciously gifted a seeding square in exchange for an honest review.