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Cherry tomatoes are easy to grow, mature very fast, sweet for eating as salads, germinate quickly and need less management practices.

However, avoid watering cherry plant leaves as it increases chances of disease spread. It is also recommended to transplant seedlings in pots with 5-6 inch diameter with holes at bottom. Also plants should be transferred in pots with equal mixture of soil, compost and coco pit. Usually, cherry tomatoes flower within 45-48 days after transplanting and are mostly affected by diseases such as potato beetles and stink bugs.

## Establishment steps

Start by filling pot with soil, cut quality tomatoes into halves and squeeze out the seeds onto soil but ensure that seeds are separated to allow proper germination. Thereafter, cover seeds with loose soil and gently firm to allow contact with soil for easy germination. Furthermore, transfer pot to sunny area for seed germination. Lastly, when transplanting dig a holes 4-6 inches deep at center for plants to develop a strong root system.

## Management practices

Always keep soil moist for constant plant growth, tap plant flowers soon as they open for pollination. Also control pests and diseases organically, apply soil mixed with organic fertilizers after 15-16 days and immediately water for healthy plant growth. Additionally, install plant supports like sticks or cages to support plant vines. Lastly, keep fruits off the ground for cleaner healthy fruits and harvest ripe cherry fruits timely to allow continuous production of fruits for more 2-3 weeks.