

SUBTLE-Designer Elroy Edson, AID, suggests creating a living room in a mood of repose. He eschewed bright, hot, contemporary colors for the subtleties of putty and white with today's furnishings by SELIG. Overscaled paper clips in white and putty in shiny vinyl wallcovering dominate the room pleasantly, providing a seemingly tactile background for the large sofa of white Luron-S and putty colored corduroy. Plastics, glass, metal and rosewood furnishings and lamps by Tyndale meet on a shag surface of a brown and blue Bigelow rug. In the living area, royal blue in the dining area.

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Oriental Poppies Grown From Seed

Few garden flowers elicit as much admiration as does the Oriental poppy. Blooms are so big, so bright, so beautiful. While it is possible to buy roots of these poppies to move in late summer, it also is possible and much cheaper to grow them from seeds.

It is best to buy seeds of named varieties. In that way you can be quite certain that at least some of the resulting plants will have the same flower color as the named parent.

But, it is the nature of plants grown from seeds to vary, so that there also will be other flower colors in the seedlings you raise.

MANY gardeners prefer the several colors. After all, growing perennials from seeds is an adventure, particularly if the perennial is Oriental poppy.

Sow seeds of this poppy in a seed bed or special place where you can care for the seedlings. Keep them watered and weeded. This as necessary so individuals are not crowded and transplant the thinnings. Your most magnificent poppy may be among them.

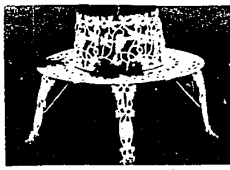
Hope for a single bloom from a percentage of the seedlings in May or June of the year following seed sowing.

Discard any seedlings that bloom in the old orange - red unless you admire that color.

Select the spots in the garden in which you want the poppies to bloom year after year, noting colors of flowers in the area that will bloom at the same time so the poppies will blend or contrast with them.

Mark the location of each poppy before leaves die down for the plant's rest period.

Then, in late August when plants are dormant, move each seedling to its permanent home.



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WHEN ORIENTAL poppies are in bloom they're the most spectacular flowers in the garden.

Celery Responds To Special Care

Selleri, Sallery, Salary, Celery - this vegetable's name has been spelled in all those ways - the first when it was introduced in Italy in the 17th century.

The next is the British adaptation in the Middle Ages when it was scarce and expensive.

Then comes the New World's spelling when special vases were made for this new food.

And then our present way of spelling this vegetable's name.

While celery performs well in a wide variety of soils it requires care but responds to it.

Because the seeds are slow sprouting - from 10 to 21 days at 65 degrees when well covered with moist soil - they are usually sown indoors.

Seedlings are moved to the garden when three inches high. Or, for a later crop, seeds may be sown outdoors when soil becomes workable, seedlings set 10 to 12 inches apart in rows two feet apart.

Soil should be high in organic matter; water and fertilizer must be given regularly and plants blanched with boards or soil against them if the gardener wishes yellow celery.

Celery stalks are usable from the time plants are half grown. Harvest all plants before frost; store those you can't eat.

Sunflowers Please Birds

Sunflowers will feed birds or poultry inexpensively, will also furnish a tall, temporary screen if that's what you need.

Large, heavy flower heads soon change to seed - filled heads and you'll have difficulty keeping birds away even before you've harvested them.

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