

## How to Use Blossom Bags



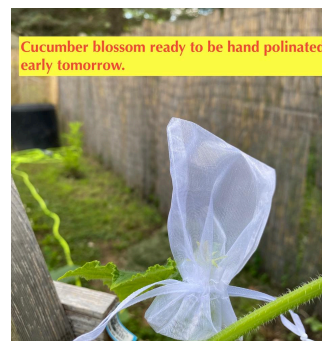
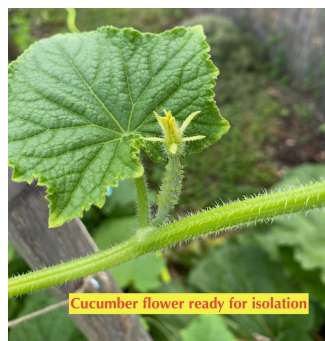
Blossom bags are small mesh-like bags, usually made of organza, that are used as a method of isolation for flowers and fruit of plants that have been selected for seed saving. They help protect from cross-pollination.

### How to use your blossom bag:

1. First, locate a flower on the plant you would like to save seed from.
2. Mark this blossom with a tag (this can be a piece of string or tape, or you can get tags specific to this from garden stores or off of amazon) so that it is clear this one is to be used for seed rather than harvested for other purposes. If hand pollination is needed, this would be the time to do that as well.



3. Put the blossom bag over the blossom and tighten it down to secure it.
4. Wait until the flower has died back in the bag. For crops like tomatoes, corn, and squash, you will be able to remove the blossom bag once the fruit has set. You will then harvest them when the fruit is ripe. However, for other plants, it is better to let the seed dry down in the blossom bag and harvest it after. So, be sure to follow the instructions for saving seed for the type of plant you are saving seed from.



5. Collect the seed and process it according to the instructions for your specific seed type.