



Eggplant Patio Baby F₁
AAS Vegetable Regional Winner
(Northeast)

Two things judge after judge brought up about this eggplant: 1) This entry produced such an attractive plant that it could be used as both an ornamental and an edible and 2) It is a perfect plant for container gardens. Patio Baby is indeed compact at less than 24" mature height, and yet it produces a prolific number of small 2-3" teardrop shaped glossy purple-black fruits. And of course, taste is a top priority in the AAS Trials and judges agreed that the taste was excellent, noting it was less bitter than the comparison varieties. Several northern judges were extremely pleased that Patio Baby grew so well in their conditions and was earlier to harvest by about a week, which is important when the gardening season is shorter.

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Genus species: *Solanum melongena*

Common name: Eggplant

Unique qualities: Patio Baby is a very early and highly productive eggplant with a compact habit, making it a great choice for containers or in the garden. Deep purple, egg-shaped fruit should be harvested at baby size-2 to 3 inches, and are delicious roasted or in dips and salads. Thornless leaves and calyxes allow for painless harvesting and makes Patio Baby child-friendly, too. Plants will continue to produce fruit throughout the entire season.

Fruit size: 2-3 inches

Fruit shape: Ovate/egg, teardrop

Fruit color: Dark purple

Plant type: Annual

Plant height: 16-20 inches

Plant width: 18-22 inches

Garden location: Full sun

Garden spacing: 18-22 inches

Length of time to harvest: 45 days from transplanting

Closest comparisons on market: Hansel F₁, Pot Black F₁

Disease tolerances: N/A

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