

PUMPKINS

- Pumpkins are not just for Halloween. Like squashes, they too are a very versatile veg that comes in a range of sizes, from small ones like Baby Boo, to whoppers like Atlantic Giant. They are hungry plants so will be better suited to growing in the ground instead of pots.
- Small ones can be trained up on sturdy trellis, but the larger ones will be best left trailing on the ground, ideally with straw underneath them as a weed suppressant and also to protect the pumpkin from damage as it grows.



Jack O'Lantern & Big Max are our standard Halloween pumpkins, and grow to roughly football size.



Casper, white and football size.



Knucklehead is also perfect for Halloween, but with a warty skin, makes for a much more unusual lantern.



Mini pumpkins Jill / Jack Be Little (orange) and Casperita (white)

Atlantic Giant can grow to 20 - 50kg with some care. This is how big my Atlantic Giants grew in 2012. They were planted in the top of my allotment compost heaps, and then left to their own devices... The bigger of the two weighed 40kg (90lb), and won the local allotment pumpkin contest!

