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How to Grow Sunflowers

1. A sunflower has a very tall stem and a bright yellow blossom, or flower. Sunflowers can grow to be 12 feet (3.7 meters) tall! Many people like to grow sunflowers because they are big and beautiful. People also like to roast and eat the seeds in the flower part of the plant. Sunflowers are easy to grow if you follow these steps:
2. **Step 1:** Buy some sunflower seeds. Most discount stores sell sunflower seeds.
3. **Step 2:** In the spring, find a sunny place in a yard or garden.
4. **Step 3:** Plant the seeds in the soil. Push them about 2 inches (5.1 centimeters) into the ground. Plant seeds about 3 feet (0.9 meter) apart.
5. **Step 4:** Water the seeds a little bit every day unless it rains.
6. **Step 5:** Once the sunflowers are about 1 foot (0.3 meter) tall, tie each of them to a stick. This keeps the sunflower plant from bending over as the flower grows and becomes heavy.

