

# Mini Red Velvet Tomatoes (Heirloom)

**Growth Habit:** Determinate, dwarf variety with a compact growth habit, reaching only 6 to 8 inches tall and wide. Perfect for containers and small spaces.

**Best Uses:** Fresh eating, snacking, and adding to salads. Known for their sweet flavor and small size, these tomatoes are perfect for a quick snack or adding a pop of color to dishes.

## **Growing Information:**

- Full sun (at least 6 hours of direct sunlight)
- Well-draining soil with a pH of 6.0 to 6.8
- Start seeds indoors 6 to 8 weeks before the last frost
- Transplant seedlings outdoors after hardening off
- Space plants 12 to 18 inches apart
- Provide support using small stakes or skewers, if needed

## **Maintenance Information:**

- Water consistently, providing 1 to 2 inches of water per week
- Fertilize with a balanced tomato fertilizer every 3 to 4 weeks

## **Pest Management:**

- Monitor for common tomato pests like aphids, whiteflies, and spider mites
- Watch for signs of fungal diseases like early blight and late blight, and remove infected leaves promptly

## **Companion Plants:**

- Good companion plants for Mini Red Velvet tomatoes include basil, marigolds, and nasturtiums, which help repel pests and promote beneficial insects.