

Peas for you, Beans for me!

For the past 3 years, my kids and I have been planting peas in the spring (from Kings' wonderful selection of peas). After a few days, they all start growing and we are all excited about having peas from the garden. But then, a few days later, when they should be about 4 cm tall, we go out to the garden and see that they've all been eaten (Was it a hungry slug or snail?). So we plant some more and it happens again. Then we give up on peas and plant beans (also from King's wonderful selection) and the same thing happens. It was all very disappointing.

Last year, instead of just planting peas, my son suggested that we plant peas and beans at the same time. So we tried it. We planted three rows, where in every row, we alternated, one pea, one bean, one pea, one bean, etc. After a few days, they all started growing and we were all excited about having peas and beans from the garden. But then, a few days later, when they should be about 4 cm tall, something amazing happened. All of the peas got eaten, but the beans kept growing. And we had lots and lots of yummy beans!

This year, we plan to continue with my son's wonderful idea and plant peas and beans; we know that the peas will get sacrificed, but hopefully we'll still get yummy beans!

Thanks Kings for the great variety of seeds!