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Family	Easy	Has Challenges	More Challenging
Allium	Bunching and Perennial Onions, Garlic, Shallots	Bulb Onions, Leeks	
Asparagus	Asparagus*		
Aster	Sunflower*, Tarragon, Lettuce		Globe Artichoke*
Basellaceae	Malabar Spinach		
Brassica	Radish, Kale, Broccoli, Greens, Cabbage	Asian Greens	Brussel Sprouts
Chenopod	Beets, Swiss Chard	Spinach	
Cucurbit	Cucumber*, Watermelon*, <i>C. Moschata</i> Winter Squash (like Butternut)*	Summer Squashes, Melons*, Non- <i>Moschata</i> Winter Squash (like Acorn, Pumpkin)*	Big Pumpkins*
Grass	Popcorn*, Field Corn*, Wheat*	Sweet Corn*	
Hollyhock	Okra		
Legume	Snow and Snap Peas, Southern Peas, Bush Beans, Lima Beans	English/Shelling Peas, Chickpeas, Lentils, Edamame (soy), Pole Beans, Peanuts	Fava Beans, Runner Beans*
Mint	Basil, Mints, Thymes, Oregano, Marjoram, Rosemary, Hyssop	Lavender	
Morning Glory	Sweet Potato*		
Solanaceous	Cherry & Paste Tomatoes, Tomatillos, Hot Peppers, Potatoes	Eggplant, Slicing Tomatoes (heirlooms more difficult than hybrids), Sweet Peppers (bell types are more difficult than banana types)	
Stone Plant	New Zealand Spinach		
Umbel	Anise, Dill, Coriander/Cilantro, Parsley, Fennel	Carrots, Parsnips	Celery and Celeriac

* These plants require space

This chart is based on the work of Ira Wallace, Central Virginia Master Gardener