

Six steps to growing vanilla

1: Choose a healthy cutting

Use a disease-free vanilla cutting at least 30–60cm long.



2: Plant in shade

Grow vanilla in partial shade with a support tree or pole to climb.



3: Use loose, rich media

Plant in compost-rich, well-drained soil or organic mulch.



4: Water regularly

Keep the soil moist but not waterlogged; vanilla likes humidity.



5: Pollination

Pollinate by hand and allow eight months for the beans to mature.



6. Harvest time

Harvest mature beans, then sun-dry them for one to two months.

