DIY Vertical Vegetable Growing (With Old Gutters)

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The photo says it all really... I first started using guttering to sow seeds in, so they could start growing there and be transplanted into their permanent growing location in the garden when space allowed.

This is a great technique to use if you have limited growing space. Once the small plants are ready
to be transplanted you simply unhook the guttering from the wall, take one of the ends of the gutter and then slide them out (where they are to grow) in a nice straight line, soil and all, with no root damage. The main thing here is to ensure you have the correct spacing between the plants in the gutter in the first place.

I soon started to wonder if there were any plants I could grow permanently in gutters; the answer is YES!

The most successful vegetables by far is lettuce and salad leaves. You can buy packs of mixed pick and come again salad leaves which are bred not to form hearts. This makes them great for growing in gutters.

You can also grow most small leafy herbs, bunching onions and strawberries, although you need to leave a lot of space between the strawberries plants, around 30/40cm.

Stock up and get your vegetable seeds here.