

# Growing Instructions

## GENERAL CARE

To achieve that stunning summer long display, please ensure that you regularly check your plants to ensure that they have adequate water, and feed regularly.

When planting containers, mix a slow release plant food such as Suttons Controlled Release Fertiliser, plus some Water Storing Crystals into the compost. They will then need less attention throughout the summer.

Watering below the foliage canopy of the plants will reduce marking and damage to the flowers. Removing the dead and damaged flower heads will not only improve the appearance of the plants, but will also prevent the plant putting energy into seed production and ensure that more flowers are produced.

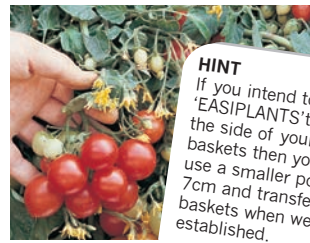
## REMEMBER

Ensure all summer bedding plants are protected from spring frosts. Do not plant outdoors before late May/early June.



## On Delivery of your plants Do this straight away:

- Carefully unpack your plants and check that the compost is moist.
- Should any of the compost be dry, water carefully using a small watering can, and allow to drain.
- Stand in a light, warm place, and then follow the growing on instructions in this leaflet as soon as you can - provided they are kept moist, they can usually be left for up to 3 days.

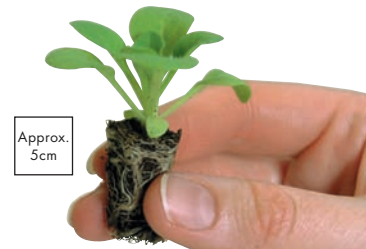


**HINT**  
If you intend to plant 'EASIPLANTS' through the side of your baskets then you can use a smaller pot than 7cm and transfer into baskets when well established.

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To reduce the need for weeding once you have planted out your bedding display, you can dig over your planting area a couple of weeks before you intend to plant. As the soil warms this will encourage the weed seeds to germinate and these can be removed before you plant up your display.

## MINIPLANTS

A 7cm pot filled loosely with moist compost is ideal to plant these sturdy young plants into. In each pack you will find a dibber stick. Gently push it through the base hole of each cell and ease the plant and root plug out of the tray, placing it into the centre of the filled pot until the roots of the plug are covered. Firm the compost gently around the base of the plug whilst ensuring the stem and leaves remain above the top layer. Alternatively, plant into trays of compost. A 36x22cm (14x8½") tray will hold up to 24 plants. Grow on in a light place at a temperature of 16°C (60°F). For Begonia and Impatiens 18°C (65°F) would be even better to encourage quick establishment.



## EASIPLANTS

These larger cell grown plants will develop very quickly once planted in 7 to 9cm pots. Ease them from their tray using the dibber stick provided, pushing through the base hole of each cell, then plant into the centre of the pot ensuring all the roots are covered but that the stem and leaves remain exposed. Alternatively, plant into trays of compost. Begonias and Impatiens should ideally be grown on at a minimum temperature of 18°C (65°F). For other plants 16°C (60°F) would be suitable.



## GARDEN READY PLANTS

Always ensure that the risk of frost has passed before you plant these into the garden. Should there still be a risk in your area then we suggest that you pot these plants into a 7 to 9cm pot and allow them to develop further somewhere warm and light, before planting, rather than leave them in the growing tray. For planting directly into the garden, ensure that the soil has been dug over and lumps broken down, then plant straight into their flowering position. In areas where the existing soil is poor, incorporate a good handful of compost into each area you are planting. Once planted don't forget to give your plants a drink and protect them from any slugs and snails that may appear.



## POT READY PLANTS

We have selected these plants to be grown where you would like something that bit different in areas such as hanging baskets, patio containers, tubs and raised beds. For best performance we recommend that you grow them on further, either in 9 to 11cm pots or in the final planting containers, maintaining a minimum temperature of 13-16°C (55-60°F). Allowing these plants to establish in this way before placing in their final position outdoors will pay dividends later in the season.

Note: when planting, there is no need to remove any net or fibre pot sleeve.

## PERENNIAL POT READY PLANTS

Pot these plants individually into 10-12cm (4-5") pots using a good quality potting compost and grow on in a greenhouse, frame or outdoors once the risk of frost has passed. When the plants have been potted for approximately 4-6 weeks apply a balanced liquid fertilizer every 7-10 days.

Once the plants are fully established and have produced a good root system they can be planted into their flowering position. Ensure that the soil you are planting into is well drained, incorporating a general purpose fertiliser when planting. Plants should be watered directly after planting and during dry spells.

