

## Introduction



Bedding plants are the stars of our summer gardens. Producing flowers, colour and interest for months on end - from the beginning of summer to the first severe frosts of autumn - there's little else to beat them for flower power.

Called bedding plants, because they are "bedded out" every year, they're far more versatile than that. Yes, many do look marvellous when planted en masse in beds and in borders, but they're the ideal plants for growing in pots, other containers, window boxes and hanging baskets. Whether that's on the patio, standing either side of a door and doorsteps or used as focal points elsewhere in the garden, they bring a bright, cheery warmth.

The vast majority of ours are tender perennials, so if you have the facilities, they can be kept in a frost-free place over winter and planted out the following year.

You've made a great choice buying some of ours. We've chosen some of the best varieties available, some brand new and special, others that are loved by professional growers and nursery owners, and those so good they've been given an Award of Garden Merit by the RHS.

# Your plants on arrival

When your plants arrive, open the packaging fully, carefully lift out the plants, remove any packaging, and water them if the compost seems dry. These plug plants should be potted up individually into at least 9-10cm (3½-4in) pots with good potting compost first, depending on the size of the plug. Larger plugs will need pots up to 1-2 litre (13-17cm/5-6in).

They can be planted outside once the last spring frosts have finished, usually around the end of May to the beginning of June – depending on where you live – when the roots start to fill the pots. Until then, keep the plants inside in a cool but frost-free (ideally around 10-12C/50-54F) place, in good light but out of hot, direct sunlight, ideally a greenhouse, conservatory or well-lit, frost-free porch. Allow the compost to slightly dry out before thoroughly watering them again.

Before planting outside, gradually acclimatise the plants to outdoor conditions for a week or so by putting them outside during the day but bringing them back indoors in the evening for a few days, then leave out all night but covered with horticultural fleece when cold temperatures are forecast.

# **Planting out**

Water thoroughly immediately before planting. Watering with Flower Power at half the recommended dilution will help get plants off to the perfect start.

#### Growing in beds and borders

In beds and borders, the vast majority of our bedding plants grow best in well-drained, but moisture-retentive soil.

Dig the planting hole at least twice the size of the pot, sprinkle some compost in the bottom and, ideally, add some Root Booster or Easy Feed fertiliser, before planting. Pop the plant in the planting hole, adding a bit more compost if needed so that the top of the rootball is at the same level as the soil, and add more compost around the sides of the plant. Gently firm in with your fingers or the end of a trowel or hand fork and water in thoroughly with 4.5-9 litres (1-2 gallons) of water per plant, ideally using a dilute plant food like Flower Power.

#### **Growing in pots**

If growing in pots, use a good multi-purpose compost – my Premium Multi Purpose Compost and Premium Peat-Free Compost are ideal – or multi-purpose compost with added John Innes. To help plants establish extra quickly, water in with a dilute plant food, such as Flower Power.

# **Growing on**

Water thoroughly whenever necessary to prevent the compost or soil drying out, especially during the first three to four weeks after planting while the plants are establishing.

It is important to give each plant enough water that gets to the bottom of the roots. Giving plants in the ground 4.5-9 litres (1-2 gallons) of water per week is far better than watering little and more frequently. Plants in pots and other containers will probably need watering more frequently, even daily during hot, sunny weather or during periods of strong winds. Water whenever the compost starts to dry out (the compost will turn light brown in colour) and give enough water that it just starts to trickle out of the drainage holes. If the soil or compost dries out this will affect growth and flowering.

Feed plants regularly with a high potash, liquid plant food, such as Flower Power, through spring and summer, from two to four weeks after planting out. This really helps produce stronger, healthier plants with more flowers.

The vast majority of our bedding plants will benefit from deadheading, removing faded flowers and any developing seed heads, as soon as they finish flowering. This prevents them wasting energy on producing seeds, helps them concentrate their energy on producing bigger, better plants and ensure they continue to flower profusely. Tidy up and removed any damaged or yellowing leaves at the same time. This helps to keep the whole plant looking good.

Any additional specific growing instructions can be found in their descriptions throughout the booklet.



## Argyranthemum 'Grandaisy Pink Halo'



Marguerites, or argyranthemums to give them their proper name, produce masses of large, bright, daisy-like flowers all summer and autumn until the first severe frost. Argyranthemum 'Grandaisy Halo Pink' is one of the best with pink flowers boasting a deep pink halo around the orange-brown centre. It will fill patio pots, containers, beds and borders with vibrant blooms on neat, compact plants that are great for display centrepieces. They also make great cut flowers, lasting up to a week.

Height 40cm (16in), Spread 20cm (8in).

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## **Further growing information**

Marguerites perform best in warm, sunny positions, but will tolerate partial shade. Although not cold and frost hardy, they are perennial, and can be overwintered in a light, airy and frost-free place to grow again the following year.

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## **Begonias**

In recent years, begonias have become the essential summer bedding plants for growing in containers, especially hanging baskets, producing spectacular displays of flowers with masses of colour.



**Begonia 'Apricot Shades'** produces wonderful, but easy to grow displays, whatever the weather. The beautiful blend of golden colours looks like instant sunshine, cheering even the dullest summer days and parts of the garden.

It is our best-selling plant! Height 30cm (12in), Spread 30cm (12in).



Begonia 'Sweet Spice English Rose' is a begonia with a difference. Not only does it look very beautiful, but it's fragrant too! Each pretty flower has the scent of summer roses. It's a fabulous choice for patio pots and baskets. It delights you with a wonderful display whatever the weather. Plants will fill the pot or basket with a rounded dome as it gently cascades over the sides. Height 40cm (14in), Spread 20cm (8in). J00075

## **Further growing information**

These begonias perform brilliantly in sunny positions, providing they don't get too hot in summer, but they love shady positions even more. It's important to never allow the compost and roots to dry out, or they are prone to powdery mildew disease.

Plants will produce a tuber, which can be saved at the end of summer, overwintered frost-free and planted and grown again in following years.

## **Best New Guinea Busy Lizzies**

**New Guinea impatiens** are the sophisticated cousins of the lower growing Busy Lizzies. New Guinea Magnifico boasts masses of bright, vibrant flowers for months on end during summer and into autumn among excellent foliage. The bushy, compact plants produce an abundance of large flowers. Grow it as a bedding plant in beds and borders or use it as a centrepiece in pots and containers. Grows well in sun or part shade.



Magnifico 'Star Lavender' is pink with a purple star-shaped centre. Height 30cm (12in), Spread 35cm (14in). J00076



Magnifico 'Lavender' is lavender in colour. Height 30cm (12in), Spread 35cm (14in). J00076



Magnifico 'Cherryblossom' is white with a touch of red in the centre. Height 30cm (12in), Spread 35cm (14in). 100076

# **Further growing** information

All three thrive in full or partial shade in moist soil, but can tolerate sunnier, drier positions if the soil contains lots of organic matter and they are watered in dry periods.

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### **Brilliant Bidens**

**Bidens** bring masses of colour to the garden throughout summer and well into autumn. Grow them in the ground in beds or borders, or in containers. They'll gently tumble over the edges of containers, softening their edges, or spill down the sides of hanging baskets, creating a colourful floral waterfall.



Bidens 'Rockstar' has huge, canary-yellow flowers and lush green foliage. Height 30cm (12in), Spread 30cm (12in).



**Bidens 'Spicy Ice'** produces pure white flowers with golden centres. Height 30cm (12in), Spread 30cm (12in).



Bidens 'Spicy Margarita' is a hot, fiery orange, to almost red, with a distinct yellow halo around the central eye.

Height 30cm (12in), Spread 30cm (12in).

# Further growing information

Bidens prefers full sun, but will thrive in partial or light shade.

Bidens are slightly tender plants, but will survive mild winters, or you can overwinter them in a cool greenhouse, conservatory or protected porch.

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## **Colourful Canna Collection**

Canna lilies bring a touch of tropical and exotic colour to gardens in summer and early autumn, thanks to their brightly coloured flowers and attractive, ornamental foliage. These CannaSol varieties are bred to produce large, self-cleaning flowers that continue blooming throughout summer and early autumn, on short plants. This makes them ideal for growing in pots and other containers, as well as in beds and borders.



Canna 'CannaSol Happy Carmen' has deep-red flowers.
Height 23cm (9in), Spread 30cm (12in).
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Canna 'CannaSol Happy Cleo' has tangerine-orange blooms. Height 23cm (9in), Spread 30cm (12in).



**Canna 'CannaSol Happy Emily'** bears sunny yellow flowers with attractive, darker, dappled patterns.

Height 23cm (9in), Spread 30cm (12in). J00184

# Further growing information

Cannas need a warm, sunny position. Cannas are tender perennials. While you could keep those growing in the ground in place over winter, it is a risk and it is far better to lift them and overwinter the rhizomes in a frost-free place.

Those growing in containers should be overwintered frost-free.

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## **Delightful Diascias**

**Diascias**, commonly known as twinspurs, are compact, mound-forming, tender perennials, sometimes grown as annuals. From early summer into autumn, their upright stems bear dense clusters of flowers. They are excellent for growing in beds and borders to complement and contrast with other plants, and are excellent for pots, hanging baskets and window boxes.



**Diascia 'Aurora Apricot'** produces hundreds of peachy-apricot flowers that smother the neat and bushy foliage. Height 30cm (12in), Spread 30cm (12in).



Diascia 'Aurora Dark Pink' has the same great garden performance and is covered in delightful dark pink flowers.

Height 30cm (12in), Spread 30cm (12in).

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## **Further growing information**

Diascias perform brilliantly in full sun or partial shade.

They can be left in the garden over winter and should survive several degrees of freezing temperatures. Or they can be lifted in autumn, potted up in small pots and overwintered in a light, airy and frost-free place to grow again the following year.

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## **Fuchsias**

Everyone loves fuchsias and it's not surprising why. They produce masses of brightly coloured, dangling flowers that look like dancing ballerinas all summer long and well into autumn. They are perfect summer bedding plants.

## **Award Winning Bush Fuchsias**

Bush fuchsias form the strong centrepiece to displays in all manner of containers – pots, hanging baskets and window boxes – as well as beds and borders.



**Fuchsia 'Display'** produces very showy pink flowers. Height 30cm (12in), Spread 40cm (16in).



Fuchsia 'Walz Jubelteen' bears single, flared pale pink and bright rose-pink flowers.
40cm (16in), Spread 30cm (12in).



Fuchsia 'Winston Churchill' has double pink and bluish-lavender flowers. Height 30cm (12in), Spread 40cm (16in).

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## **Award Winning Hardy Fuchsias**

**Hardy fuchsias**, unlike the summer bedding and trailing varieties, can be left in the garden all year and will survive perfectly well in all but the severest of winters. They're brilliant for growing in beds, borders and containers.



**Fuchsia 'Army Nurse'** has semi-double flowers that are a mix of carmine and blue-violet flushed and veined with pink near the base.

Height 60cm (24in), Spread 60cm (24in). J00163



**Fuchsia 'Garden News'** produces double flowers that are salmon-pink and magenta. Height 60cm (24in), Spread 60cm (24in). J00163



Fuchsia 'Snow Cap' has semi-double, scarlet and white flowers with red veins at their base. Height 120cm (48in), Spread 40cm (16in).

Height 120cm (48in), Spread 40cm (16in). J00163

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# Award Winning Trailing Fuchsias

**Trailing fuchsias** are brilliant in all manner of containers – pots, hanging baskets and window boxes – thanks to their long trailing stems covered in flowers.



Fuchsia 'Jack Shahan' produces large, single, rose-pink and deep pink flowers.

Height 30cm (12in), Spread 45cm (18in).

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Fuchsia 'La Campanula' bears masses of small, semi-double dark pink and white-pink flowers.

Height 30cm (12in), Spread 45cm (18in).



**Fuchsia 'Annabel'** is semi-trailing with large, double, pendant flowers in tones of soft pink and creamy-white.

Height 20cm (8in), Spread 50cm (20in).

# Further growing information

Fuchsias thrive in both sun and part shade.

Bush and trailing fuchsias are not cold and frost resistant, and before temperatures drop too low in autumn, they will need lifting, cutting back and potting up individually in small pots. They then need overwintering in a light, frost-free place. A cool greenhouse, conservatory or protected porch are best. You could risk leaving them outside, but they will be killed in very cold winters.

Hardy fuchsias can be left where they are growing, and then cut back hard in spring when signs of new growth appear. In very cold areas, mulching around the plants in autumn will provide root protection.

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#### Geraniums

**Geraniums**, or to give them their proper name pelargoniums, are brilliant summer performers, producing masses of delightful bloom all through summer and into autumn. Upright varieties look great in beds, borders, hanging baskets and containers. Trailing, or ivy-leaved, varieties are perfect for hanging baskets and trailing down the sides of pots and other containers.

## **Award Winning Red Geranium**

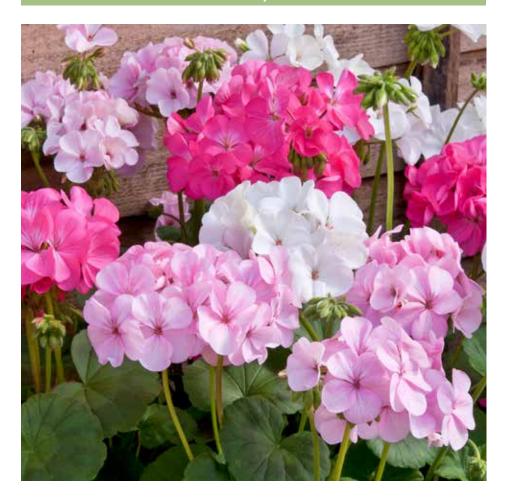


**Geranium 'Marcada Dark Red'** is an award winning new variety that produces masses of brilliantly coloured long-lasting flowers. It's a cross between a zonal pelargonium and an ivy-leaved variety, combining the heat-loving tolerance and durability of zonal geraniums with the good looks of ivy geraniums. Plants are bushy, compact and vigorous. Height 40cm (16in), Spread 25cm (12in).

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## **Geranium Candy Floss Mixed**



**Geranium 'Candy Floss'** is a delightful bedding geranium that will colour your garden all summer long. It is aptly named thanks to its combination of sweet pinks and white. The large flowers are held proudly above the attractive patterned leaves.

Height 40cm (16in), Spread 25cm (12in).

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## **Beautiful Trailing Geranium Favourites Collection**

**Geranium Precision** is a stunning range, perfectly suited to British summers. The large, semi-double blooms are set off against glossy, dark green leaves. It's a must-have for baskets and containers.



**Geranium 'Precision Amethyst'** is covered in dusky, dark pink flowers. Height 30cm (12in), Spread 45cm (18in). J00074



Geranium 'Precision White' is a lovely white with hints of light pink.
Height 30cm (12in), Spread 45cm (18in).
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## **Trailing Geranium Shades of Pink Collection**

This collection contains two more varieties of Precision geraniums.



Geranium 'Precision Light Pink' has glowing pink flowers.
Height 30cm (12in), Spread 45cm (18in).



**Geranium 'Precision Rose'** is a lovely deeper pink. Height 30cm (12in), Spread 45cm (18in).

## **Further growing information**

Pelargoniums perform best in warm, sunny positions.

Pelargoniums are not cold and frost resistant, and before temperatures drop too low in autumn, they will need lifting, cutting back and potting up individually in small pots. They then need overwintering in a light, frost-free place. A cool greenhouse, conservatory or protected porch are best. You could risk leaving them outside, but they will be killed in very cold winters.

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## Highly Scented Nemesia 'Fairy Kisses'

**Nemesia 'Fairy Kisses'** are simply fabulous. You'll get five months of incredible flower power and five months of wonderful fragrance too! Each plant can produce thousands of flowers this summer, each with a sweet, honey fragrance. The neat, compact plants are perfect for patio pots and baskets.



Nemesia 'Fairy Kisses Vanilla Berry' has electric purple and vanilla flowers. Height 25cm (10in), Spread 25cm (10in).



Nemesia 'Fairy Kisses Pink Lemonade' is candyfloss pink and creamy yellow. Height 25cm (10in), Spread 25cm (10in).



**Nemesia 'Fairy Kisses Citrine'** is white and yellow. Height 25cm (10in), Spread 25cm (10in).

# Further growing information

Nemesias prefer full sun or partial shade.

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### Petunias

**Petunias** are stalwarts of summer bedding displays, whether that's in beds and borders or containers and hanging baskets. Once regarded as not being very weather tolerant, recent breeding has produced superb varieties that reliably flower throughout summer.

## **Award Winning Bush Fuchsias**

It's not surprising that **Surfinias** are the top selling trailing petunias in the world. Their large brilliantly-coloured flowers delight with an amazing display, all summer, whatever the weather. The long trailing stems cascade over the sides of hanging baskets and window boxes, producing a waterfall of colour throughout summer and well into autumn. They're so good and so reliable that many gardeners buy them every single year.



Petunia 'Surfinia Pink Vein' bears blush pink flowers with highlighted veining.

Height 25cm (10in), Spread 60cm (24in).

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**Petunia 'Surfinia Purple'** has deep purple flowers with darker centres. Height 25cm (10in), Spread 60cm (24in).



**Petunia 'Surfinia Snow'** produces clear white flowers with a greeny-yellow centre.

Height 25cm (10in), Spread 60cm (24in).

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### **Beautical Petunias**

This is an astonishing new-generation **petunia**. It combines the size and beauty of petunia flowers with the mass flowering and superb weather resistance of their cousins, the calibrachoas. So you get the best of both worlds. The plants grow into neat mounds, covered with richly coloured flowers. All summer long.



**Petunia 'Beautical Caramel Orange'** has golden-yellow blooms with caramel centres. Height 30cm (12in), Spread 40cm (16in).
J00078



**Petunia 'Beautical Cinnamon'** is sunset orange, turning to copper shades. Height 30cm (12in), Spread 40cm (16in).



Petunia 'Beautical Sunray Pink' has pink petals, with darker veins marking the lovely yellow centre.

Height 30cm (12in), Spread 40cm (16in).

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### **Tumbelina Trailing Petunias**

These fabulous trailing **petunias** have the most beautiful, scented, double flowers and flourish whatever the weather. Gently hugging the sides of baskets and patio pots, they look as beautiful as they smell, and have a very neat habit, without becoming straggly.



Petunia 'Tumbelina Priscilla' is soft lavender. Height 40cm (16in), Spread 35cm (14in). J00072



**Petunia 'Tumbelina Anna'** is a pink and white bicolour mix.

Height 40cm (16in), Spread 35cm (14in).

J00072



Petunia 'Tumbelina Superstar' is deep crimson rose with a white rim.
Height 40cm (16in), Spread 35cm (14in).
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# Further growing information

Petunias perform best in warm, sunny positions, but will tolerate partial shade.

Although not cold and frost hardy, these petunias are perennial, and can be cut back in autumn, potted up in small pots and overwintered in a light, airy and frost-free place to grow again the following year.

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## Patio Thunbergia

**Thunbergias**, commonly known as black-eyed Susan or Sunny Susy, are delightful, annual climbers that are covered in brilliant, vibrant flowers all summer long and into autumn. Use these fast growers to quickly clothe walls, fences, trellis or obelisks or to hide unsightly objects in the garden, either growing them in the ground or in large pots. Or grow them in hanging baskets, where their long stems will provide a cascade of colour.



**Thunbergia 'Orange Beauty'** produces fiery orange hues, surrounding a deep black centre.

Height 2m (6½ft), Spread 1m (1¼ft).



Thunbergia 'Lemon Beauty' has vibrant yellow flowers with a black centre.

Height 2m (6½ft), Spread 1m (1¼ft).

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# **Further growing information**

Thunbergias need a warm, sunny position.

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## **Richard Jackson**



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