

Alpine Plants

GROWING INSTRUCTIONS

On Receipt

Remove the plants from the packaging immediately. Check that the compost is moist and water if necessary. The plants can be planted straightaway in the flowering position or container.

Planting in Containers

Good drainage is important for alpine plants. Pots that have a single drainage hole should have broken terracotta pots or small stones placed in the bottom. Adding horticultural grit to the potting compost will also help to improve the drainage. Part fill the container with compost and space the plants evenly, infilling with the compost mixture. Water the plants and apply a mulch of grit which looks attractive, aids surface drainage and prevents soil splashing onto the foliage.

Planting in the Ground

On heavy clay soils dig in plenty of well rotted garden compost to improve the soil structure this will also aid moisture retention in sandy soils. Make a hole large enough to take the root ball. Incorporate some grit in the bottom of the hole and with the soil that is to be placed back around the plant to ensure good drainage. Water the plants to settle the soil around the roots.

Arabis Angvine

Grow in full sun or partial shade and in a well drained soil. These attractive plants that have golden frilled leaves grow to a height of 15cm (6") and a spread of 20cm (8"). The Pink flowers are produced from May-July. Any green shoots that grow should be removed. Arabis is suitable for growing at the front of the border, in a rockery or gravel garden.

Aubretia Swan Red

Aubretia prefers a well drained soil in full sun or partial shade. These variegated plants will grow to a height of 10cm (4") with a spread of 40cm (16"). The purple-red flowers are produced from April-June. This low mat forming plant is suitable for the front of the border, rockery or containers.

Campanula haylodgensis

This unusual campanula produces double lavender blue flowers from July through to September. Choose a position where the soil is well drained and in full sun or partial shade. The plant will grow to a height of 15cm (6") with a spread of 30cm (12") and is ideal for the front of the border or rockeries.

Cardamine pratensis Flore Plena

Grow cardamine in a moist, humus rich, well drained soil that does not dry out. A sunny position is preferred but it can be grown in partial shade. The plants will grow to a height and spread of 20cm (8"). The double, pale lilac flowers appear from April to June. Cardamine can be grown in the border or containers.

Crassula sarcocaulis

Crassula require a very well drained soil in full sun or partial shade. The plants are evergreen but may lose their leaves in very cold weather. The plants grow to a height of 25cm (10") with a spread of 30cm (12"). The crimson buds and pink flowers are produced from July to September. If necessary the plants can be lightly trimmed back in July although this may delay flowering.

Cymbalaria muralis

This creeping plant that grows to a height of 15cm (6") and spreads 30cm (12") is ideal for containers and rockeries. Grow the plants in full sun or partial shade where the soil is well drained. The sky blue flowers with a yellow mouth are produced from April to September.

Dianthus Starburst

The attractive raspberry coloured flowers with white splashes are produced between May and July, on plants that reach 10cm (4") and with a spread of 30cm (12"). Grow the plants in a sunny position in the border, rockery or in containers on the patio

Geranium Westray

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Helianthemum Ben Mohr

Suitable for the front of the border, rock garden, as ground cover on a bank or containers this colourful plant will produce orange flowers from May to July and again in September. Choose a sunny position where the soil is well drained. After the summer flowering period is over cut back the flowered shoots to a bud about 2.5cm (1") from the old growth. The plants grow to a height of 20cm (8") with a spread of 25cm (10").

Iberis Snowball

Grow the plants in a moist, well drained soil and in a sunny position. Growing to a height of 20cm (8") with a spread of 30cm (12") the plants can be grown in the border, rockery or containers. The white flowers are produced from March to May. If necessary the plants can be lightly trimmed after flowering.

Isotoma Fairy Carpet

The Sky blue flowers are produced from May to September on plants that grow to a height of 7cm (2¾") and spread 30cm (12"). Choose a sunny position where the soil is well drained. Remove faded flowers regularly to prolong flowering. The plants are suitable for the edge of the border, rockeries or containers.

Lithodora Blue Star

Lithodora requires a sunny position and a well drained acid soil and if growing in containers use an ericaceous potting compost. If soil conditions are suitable grow in a border or rockery. Take care when planting as the plants dislike excessive root disturbance. The plants grow to a height of 25cm (10") and have a spread of 30cm (12"). The small white flowers with blue brush strokes appear from April through to September. After flowering cut back flowered shoots to within 2.5cm (1") of the old growth.

Mimulus Highland Red

Mimulus require a moist, well drained soil that does not dry out and should be planted in sun or partial shade. The plants are suitable for the edges of borders, rockeries and containers. The deep red flowers are produced from May-July and again in September. The plants will grow to 20cm (8") in height with a spread of 30cm (12").

Phlox Marjorie

The pink flowers are produced from April-June and again in September on plants that grow to a height of 10cm (8") and a spread of 30cm (12"). Grow the plants in a sunny position in borders, rockeries or containers.

Saxifrage cuneifolia Variegata

This plant requires a moist, well drained that does not dry out. Strong sunshine and dry soil conditions will both result in the foliage turning brown. Saxifrage can be grown in containers, borders and rockeries. The plants will reach a height of 10cm (4") with a spread of 45cm (18"). The pink flowers are produced from May to June.

Sedum spurium Variegatum

This dwarf sedum grows to a height of 10cm (4") with a spread of 30cm (12"). Choose a sunny position and a well drained soil. The pink flowers produced from July to September will add a splash of colour to your borders, rockeries and containers.

Sempervivum calcareum

This attractive foliage plant produces pink flowers from June through to August. To obtain the best leaf colour grow the plants in full sun. They require a very well drained soil and can be grown in rockeries, containers and in walls. The plants make a spreading mat 5cm (2") high.

Veronica Heidekind

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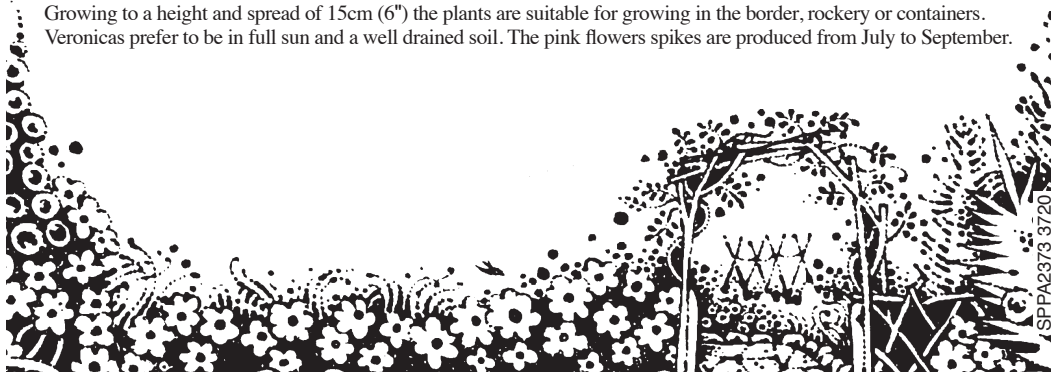
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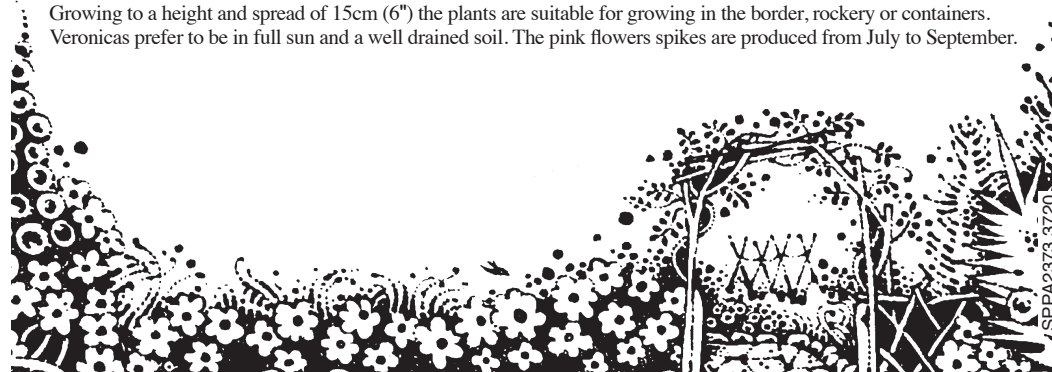
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