



Alyssum Planting Guide

About Alyssum

Alyssums are cool-season flowers that offer a colorful carpet of tiny flowers along garden edges and in between walkways. They're also beautiful in hanging baskets and containers. This flower is heat and drought tolerant, so it is perfect for new floral gardeners who want a hardy flower to start with.

When to Plant

Sow alyssum seeds from early spring to early summer, and in autumn where winters are mild. Direct sow your seeds when the soil feels warm to touch or start indoors 8 weeks before your last frost date.

Where to Plant

Alyssums prefer full sun, but they do not like prolonged dry periods. Afternoon shade may be necessary in very hot regions. Plant your seeds in well-draining soil that has a medium level of moisture.

How to Plant

Scatter seeds on top of your soil and press down gently so they are still exposed to light. Keep the soil moist until germination, then water whenever the soil feels dry. When direct sowing or transplanting seedlings outdoors, space plants about 6-10" apart.

Caring for Alyssum

Water alyssums with at least 1" of water per week, and more frequently during hot and dry spells. If you've planted your alyssums in the garden, they will not need fertilizer- but if you've planted in containers, be sure to fertilize monthly using a water-soluble fertilizer.