



Canterbury Planting Guide

About Canterbury

A cottage garden staple for centuries, Canterbury Bells feature exquisite blooms that range from purple to lavender, plum, and white. A biennial that grows up to 32", this flower is a delight in the garden as well as in containers.

When to Plant

Sow seeds indoors 6-10 weeks before your last frost date, or direct sow after the last frost date.

Where to Plant

Canterbury thrives in full sun or partial shade, in fertile, moist, well-drained soils. These flowers tolerate a wide range of soil types if well-drained and are ideal for beds, borders, underplanting shrubs or roses, in cottage gardens, and containers planting.

How to Plant

Cold stratification is recommended for canterbury seeds. Sow about 1/16" deep into the soil. If direct sowing or when transplanting seedlings, space plants 12-15" apart. Sprinkle a light covering of vermiculite over the seeds and using a spray bottle of water, mist the vermiculite lightly to keep it evenly moist, but not soggy.

Caring for Canterbury

If you started your seeds indoors, move your container to a sunny window after the seedlings emerge. In mid-spring, harden off the seedlings and transplant into the garden after the danger of frost has passed. Maintain a consistent temperature of 65-70 degrees F. Fertilize in late spring with a balanced fertilizer. Hose down the soil thoroughly afterward so that the fertilizer goes down to the roots. You may only have leaves during the first year of growth; however, flowers will bloom during the second year.