



About Cleome

Cleomes, sometimes called spider flowers or spider legs, is named for its tall, leggy appearance. Flowers of the cleome plant are intricate, large, and showy. They may be bi-colored in pink or lilac colors with white. They're an easy-to-start, low maintenance annual that butterflies and hummingbirds love.

When to Plant

Cleome is very easy to start outside and does not need to be started indoors, however you can start them inside 4-6 weeks before the last frost. If direct sowing, do so after all danger of frost has passed.

Where to Plant

Cleome performs best in full sun or light shade in average, dry to medium moisture, well-drained soils. It is heat and drought tolerant once established and thrives in beds and borders, cottage gardens, butterfly gardens, and container planting.

How to Plant

Plant cleome seeds 1/8" deep and leave uncovered. Space 3" between seeds and 18" between rows. Plants started indoors can be transplanted 21-25 days after sowing.

Caring for Cleome

In windy areas, cleomes may require staking. Thin plants to 18-24" apart when plants grow to 3" tall. Be sure to keep soil moist, especially in hot weather, until plants are established. Fertilize every 6-8 weeks, or work in a slow-release fertilizer (or compost) at planting time.