



Coleus Blumei Planting Guide

About Coleus Blumei

With excellent foliage color and easily grown from seed, coleus blumei is an annual mix that is reliable in gardeners' shady borders. Exotic looking, they perform well as shade garden plants, as well as in pots and containers.

When to Plant

Coleus seeds can be sown indoors 6-8 weeks before the final frost date and transplanted outdoors after the danger of frost has passed.

Where to Plant

Choose a location with partial to full shade, with rich, well-draining soil, and good protection from the wind.

How to Plant

Start indoors in flats or other containers. Spread seeds shallowly across the surface and lightly cover with fine seed starting soil. Cover container with plastic and place in a warm location with bright, indirect light. Keep the soil moist and between 65-85 degrees F. Coleus seeds can benefit from bottom heat also. Once seedlings emerge, remove the plastic covering. Transplant outdoors once all threat of frost has passed. Place in holes large enough to accommodate the ball of the roots. Give plants 12" of spacing when transplanting.

Caring for Coleus Blumei

Coleus likes fertile soil, so use organic fertilizer regularly. Until they are established, coleus will need some protection from intense, direct sunlight, as well as strong winds. After the fall frost, when the coleus dies back, remove the plants from the planting area.