



## Pansy (Viola) Planting Guide

### About Pansies

Pansies are annuals or short-lived perennials, growing to be 6-12" tall, depending on the variety. These gorgeous blooms grow in shades of yellow, red, mahogany, blue, purple, pink, orange, white, and black!

### When to Plant

Start seeds indoors about 10-12 weeks before the last frost date.

### Where to Plant

Pansies are a part shade lover, and is best grown in fertile, moist, well-drained soils with a pH of 5.8-7.2. They can tolerate full sun in cool climate areas. Add mulch to keep the soil cool and moist.

### How to Plant

Sow seeds about 1/2" deep and cover lightly with peat moss, as darkness is required for germination which typically happens within 7-10 days after sowing. You can move your seedlings into your outdoor garden after all threat of frost has passed. When transplanting into your garden, seedlings should be spaced 9-12" apart.

### Caring for Pansies

Deadhead flowers to prolong flowering season and use a balanced liquid fertilizer about once a month. Cut back leggy plants to revitalize. Be mindful of pests and act quickly to avoid plants damage. Common pests include slugs, snails, spider mites, and powdery mildew. Fortunately, pansies are deer resistant.