

PREPARING A NEW FLOWER BED

Flowering annuals are an important part of every day living to provide that sparkling splash of colour throughout the 12 months of the year. Though annuals are considered to be of high maintenance & water volume, if basic principles are followed in the make up of your garden, they can be very simply maintained. The following steps can also be utilised for planting in pots & containers.

SELECT YOUR SITE

- Start off small, and decide on your own design - formal or informal, colours, backdrop and even mood.
- Pick a location that is in full sun all day long, shady gardens can be spectacular but a sunnier position is better.
- Flat ground is best, a slight slope is also fine.
- Remove any existing grass or weeds including roots. This is essential. Smother area with newspaper topped with mulch/organic matter or use a herbicide. If you use a herbicide, read the label directions carefully, including when you can incorporate the soil.

MINIMISE WATER USAGE

With hard Australian soils it is important to add organic matter to improve water and nutrient holding, improve plant growth, and decrease garden maintenance. This can be done by:

- adding your own composted household waste.
- purchasing peat and well rotted manures.
- adding wetting agents to improve water efficiency.

MULCHING

Bare soil exposed to our harsh summer will lose moisture & nutrients at a rapid rate. A mulch buffer is required to hold this moisture in.

The benefits of mulching include:

- Retaining moisture
- Preventing soil erosion
- Discouraging weed growth
- Adding nutrition over time

For lower spreading plants, mulch to 50mm thick and with taller varieties to a 75mm thickness.

PLAN BEFORE PLANTING

Select the varieties to suit your garden. Not all varieties require the same water levels so it is important to group them according to their needs & achieve the design. Always check the ticket for any additional variety or planting requirements. Your local nursery can advise on the different requirements.

WATERING YOUR FLOWER BEDS

Low volume spray or soaker hoses are efficient ways of watering your beds. To avoid moisture loss through evaporation, water in the evenings or early mornings and always follow local council laws.

FERTILISING YOUR FLOWER BEDS

Annuals are quick growers so there is no need to force growth with a lot of fertilizer applications. This will only produce more lush vegetative growth which will require more water and is more prone to insect and disease attacks. If used in moderation, manures are a great addition as they release slowly over a period of time.

REMEMBER ALL FLOWERS WILL PERFORM BETTER IF THESE GUIDELINES ARE FOLLOWED. GOOD LUCK AND ENJOY.

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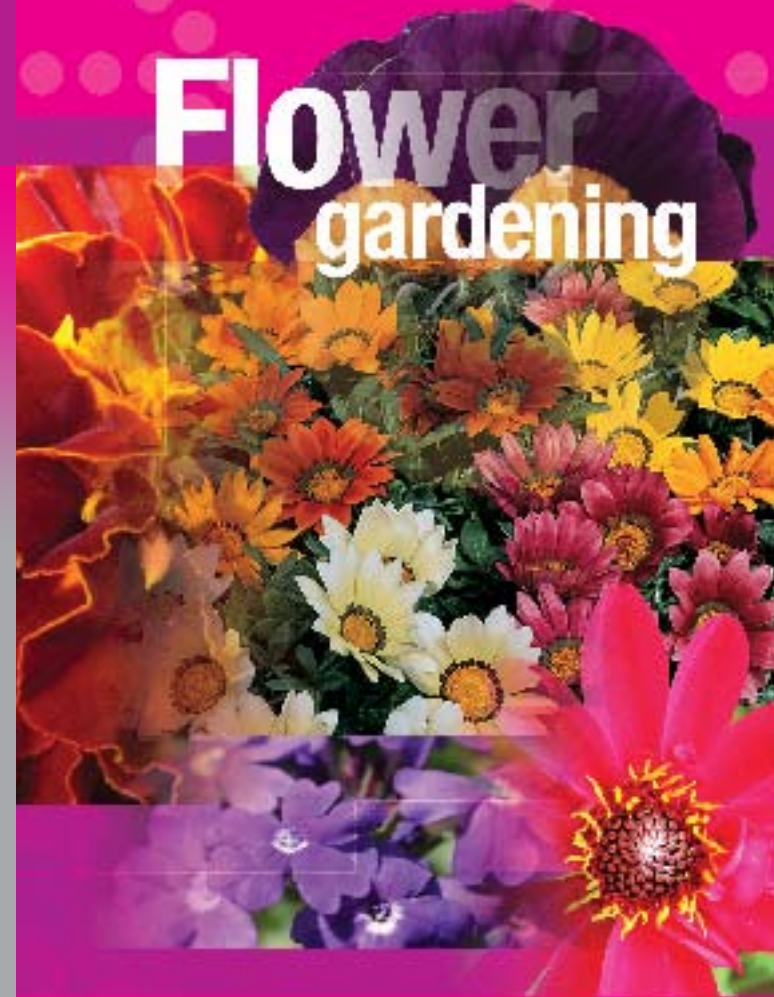


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THE ORIGINAL 10 POTS



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10 POTS is the instant impulse garden kit. The market's No.1 potted colour seller contains 10 large cells of instant colour ready to put straight into your garden or containers. Also available in a Perennial 10 pack, which provides an instant mass of low water & low maintenance plants for your garden.

QUICK START FLOWERS



EVERYDAY SEEDLING PUNNET RANGE



Our core range featuring the most common garden varieties of annuals. Flowering seedling annuals are sold green (not in flower) to mature and flourish in the garden. All seedlings are sun hardened to ensure maximum garden performance and will provide mass plantings for a minimum cost.

SIGNATURE SERIES



PREMIUM PUNNET RANGE



This range is a selection of the best performing genetics combined with garden performance to provide the most eye catching displays of colour annuals. This includes varieties with unique traits of breeding such as bicouours, semi doubles, and doubles in new and different shades of colour to provide extra impact in the garden.

GIANT STARS OF HOLLYWOOD



GIANT SIZE PANSY PUNNET RANGE



We have matched the largest and best performing Hollywood Pansy varieties to combine with the most popular Hollywood stars of our generation. There are 10 great and unique colours from Angelina to Halle and our Nicole, allows you to put a star performer in your garden today.

FLOWING FIELDS



SPREADING/TRAILING PUNNET RANGE



Flowing Field varieties are selected for their cascading, trailing habits and for their filling capacity with a highly floriferous nature. Ideal for hanging baskets, patio containers and garden fillers, they are sold in a larger cell in order to establish and develop quicker in the garden.

BLOOMIN VALUE



RANGE OF FLOWERING POTS



The BLOOMIN VALUE range of pots brings the instant colour effect to the garden with its high yield of mass flowers. This range includes some of the most popular varieties that change throughout the year depending on the season.

