

PLANT PROFILE

Viola



Common Name: Pansy

Foliage: Evergreen

Habit: Clump forming

Height: Approximately 20cm height, spread 0.1-0.5m, Varieties e.g. 'Universal Plus Series, Joker Series' may slightly differ in flower size

Soil type: Any

Soil Ph: Neutral, Alkaline, Acidic

Aspect: Full sun, part shade

Hardiness: Hardy in the UK -15 to -10

Flowering Time: Winter, spring

Other characteristics: Cold tolerant

Propagation: : By seed sown in trays late winter, early spring, although can be difficult to germinate so plant plugs may be a more successful option

Cultivation: Humus rich, moist but well-drained soil

Pruning: Dead head to prolong flowering

Pests: Susceptible to slugs, snails, aphids, and glasshouse red spider mite

Disease: Pansy leaf spot, a virus, a rust and powdery mildews

Uses: Ornamental, edible garden flowers with a mild minty flavour useful as an edible flourish on a salad or dessert