

Celosia

Sowing Indoors (to get a head start):

- For best results use sterile, disease free and weed free soil to start your seedlings.
- Sow indoors, in trays of seed compost, pressing the small seeds into the surface.
- Keep moist and maintain a temperature of 15-20°C.
- Thin when seedlings are large enough to handle.
- Gradually harden off and plant out, late October and November, 20cm apart.
- Keep well-watered, especially if growing in containers.

Sowing Outdoors:

- Not recommended.

Transplanting in the Garden:

- For best results use sterile, disease free and weed free soil to start your seedlings.
- Transplant seedlings approximately 2 ½ to 3 months after sowing.
- Transplant your Celosia in a full sun area. They can be added to flower beds, used as border plants or between a rockery.

Growing Tips

- This plant doesn't tolerate cold weather and is quickly killed by frost.
- Celosia likes well-drained soil and at least five hours of sunshine per day.
- Water Celosia plants regularly, although, once established, the plant is somewhat drought tolerant.
- Dry conditions lead to smaller and less vibrant flower spikes.
- Keep in mind that the soil should be damp but never waterlogged.
- Apply a balanced, water-soluble fertilizer every two to four weeks during the flowering season.
- Deadhead spent flowers to extend the flowering season.
- Celosia plants are susceptible to mites. They hide in the underside of the leaves and are quite small.
- Ensure to treat preventatively as they are often a hinderance to the plant thriving.