

# **VIOLAS & PANSIES**



#### Why We Love Pansies:

This showy, fragrant, winter-blooming annual is a gardening staple, providing a range of vibrant colors in cold months. Pansies are violas but not all violas are pansies. The large pansy we see most often was developed in 18th century England. Violas communicate remembrance in the language of flowers.

### **FACTS**

Grow Zone: 4 - 8

<u>Family</u>: Violaceae

Genus: Viola

Native To: Europe, England, Asia

Mature Height: 2" - 8"

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<u>Type</u>: Hardy annual /

biennial

**Growth Habit:** Compact

mounded

<u>Foliage</u>: Green, alternating ovate to

elliptic

Flowers: Showy, 5 single color or dual-colored petals, bloom late fall to early spring

<u>Propagation</u>: Seed, cuttings

# LIGHT

Full sun to partial shade.

Best with morning sun and afternoon partial shade.

# **WATER**

Water approximately
1 inch per week.
Blooms best with even,
regular moisture.

Needs good drainage, do not leave in waterlogged soil.

# **SOIL**

Rich, peaty, fertile soil with good drainage.

Fertilize with balanced formula (10-10-10 or 15-30-15), a granular slow-release formula, or compost. Mulch well.

FYI: Considered low maintenance. Some violas are perennials, but are so short-lived they are grown mostly as annuals or biennials. Dead-head to extend bloom season.

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#### **INTERESTING VARIETIES:**

- Viola x wittrockiana (Pansy)
- Viola odorata (Sweet Violet)
- Viola tricolor
- Viola cornuta
- Viola lutea

- Viola striata
- Viola pedata
- Viola canadensis
- Viola rotundifolia
- Viola biflora