

# HOW TO . . . .



## **succeed with Summer HANGING BASKETS**

### **Making & Maintaining**

**Top Planting** Alyssum, Begonia, Basket Fuchsia, Bush Fuchsia, Coleus, Zonal Geranium, Trailing Geranium, Hedera, Helichrysum, Impatien, Lobelia, Marigold, Mimulus, Nasturtium, Nepeta, Verbena.

**Side Planting** Alyssum, Begonia, Basket Fuchsia, Campanula, Trailing Geranium, Helichrysum, Hedera, Impatien, Lobelia, Marigold, Nasturtium, Nepeta, Sweet Peas, Verbena



### **INGREDIENTS FOR HANGING BASKET SUCCESS**

#### **AFTERCARE**

Soak the compost in the basket immediately after planting by using a watering can fitted with a fine rose. Greenhouse grown plants may need to be hardened off before being placed outside permanently. Put them in a cool greenhouse for 1 week or place them outside during the day for a few days bringing them in at night.

#### **FEEDING**

Commence feeding six weeks after planting your basket. Best results are achieved by using a high potash liquid fertilizer such as 'Phostrogen', 'Miracle Gro', or a tomato plant fertilizer. Feed once a week until July, then twice a week until late September.

#### **WATERING**

##### **Never Allow The Hanging Basket To Dry Out**

Should your basket dry out, it can be plunged into a tank of water for ten minutes or so, then pulled out and allowed to drain before being put back into position.

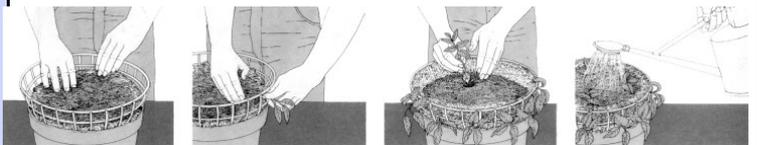
#### **AFTERCARE PRODUCTS**

**COMPOST** - Hanging basket compost, Peat based, multi-purpose compost.

**FEEDING** - Miracle Gro, Tomorite, Phostrogen, Osmocote tablets.

**WATERING** - Erin pump can, Hi-Lo Pulley (to make watering easier)

Place the basket on top of a bucket or large plant pot to hold it steady whilst planting, or hang the Basket from a hook or wall bracket. We recommend a specialised hanging basket compost. Alternatively, any multipurpose potting compost can be used, e.g. 'Westland'.



- 1) Line the basket with a 1 inch layer of damp sphagnum moss.
- 2) Add a layer of damp compost.
- 3) Insert plants by pushing the rootball through the basket from the outside and firm the compost around them.
- 4) Add another layer of moss around the inside of the basket to keep the plants and compost in place.
- 5) Add more compost to cover the rootballs of plants (approx. to level of the moss).
- 6) Add more plants (as in No. 3).
- 7) Continue this process until you have reached the top of the basket.
- 8) Once at the top, add a further layer of moss around the inside of the basket to form a wall. This will help to retain more water and prevent compost spilling out when the basket is being watered.
- 9) Plant the top of the basket with more established plants.