

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.

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.

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)