

Alyssum

Plant type:	Annual
Uses:	Bedding plant
Plant height:	Easter Bonnet: 10 - 25cm Clear Crystal: 15 - 25cm Snow Crystals: 15 - 25cm

Sowing: 18 - 22 °C. Sow February to April. Germination 1 - 2 weeks.

Approximate crop timing (mid season)

Sowing to transplanting	3 weeks
Sowing to flowering	10 - 12 weeks
Ball 470 to flowering	3 - 4 weeks
Ball 350 to flowering	3 weeks

Growing on:

Temperature	13 – 21 °C Day 10 - 16 °C Night
pH	5.5 - 6.5
Feeding	Maintain a balanced feeding programme.
Growth regulation	Is not always necessary, but plants respond to Daminozide at 3.5 g/litre
Pack/Pot size	6 packs
Planting out spacing	10 - 15cm
Advice	A pre-sowing fungicide is recommended. However, Clear Crystal has been treated with a preventative fungicide and then coated to aid sowing. Transplant seedlings singly or in clumps. Keep plants moist but not wet.
Common diseases	Downy Mildew - yellow older leaves with white fungal growth on the underside. Sclerotinia - collapse of patches of plants in trays area becomes covered with dense white mycelium and resting black bodies. Remove infected plants – sterilise ground.

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