

# Cineraria

**Plant type:** Glasshouse biennial  
**Uses:** Pot plant  
**Plant height:** 15-25cm

**Sowing:** Foliage types: February-March.  
 Flowering types: June-December. (Main sowing period July-August).  
 20°C. Do not cover seed if high humidity can be maintained or cover with a thin layer of fine Vermiculite.  
 Presence of light may increase germination.  
 Germination 1-2 weeks.

## Approximate crop timing

Flowering Types	Sow	Plug Delivery Week	Market
Jester Series	September	Ball 104: 40- 42	Feb/Mar
	October		Mar/Apr
Foliage Types	Sow	Plug Delivery Week	Market
Silver Dust Cirrus	Feb/March	Seed	April/May
		Ball 230: 6- 8	6 weeks
		10-24	4 weeks
		Ball 350: 26-34	6 weeks
		8- 22	7 weeks

## Growing on for flowering types:

**Temperature** After transplanting maintain a temperature of 18°C until roots are actively growing.  
 At about 8-10 leaf stage cool temperatures are needed to initiate flower buds, approximately 7-9°C night and maximum 12°C day for a minimum of 4-5 weeks.  
 Finishing at 13-16°C produces a more compact plant but with slower flowering than a 16-18°C finishing temperature.

**pH** 5.7- 6.2 pH over 6.5 inhibits iron uptake and produced leaf yellowing.

**Feeding** In 9cm pots use 1:1:1 balanced feed once roots have reached the pot wall, in larger pots feeding will be needed 6-8 weeks after potting. After flower initiation increase potash levels.

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## *Culture Information*

**Growth regulation** Chemical growth regulators are not essential on Jester series if produced in 12-13cm pots.  
For 10cm production, Jester like Cineraria in general, will respond to Daminozide growth regulator spray. Apply before flower initiation to reduce foliage size and improve uniformity.

**Pack/Pot size**

Pot size				Spacing Plants per m <sup>2</sup>
9cm	Jester			25
10/11cm	Jester			18
12/13cm	Jester	Brilliant	Royalty	8 - 11

**Advice** Pot on using a soft potting technique.  
Provide shading in high light conditions to prevent leaf burn.  
Throughout Autumn and Winter the plants should be kept just moist, and good ventilation is required.

**Common pests** Aphids, Whitefly and Leaf Miner

**Common diseases** Botrytis and powdery mildew can occur if overcrowded and poorly ventilated.  
Root rot in wet conditions.

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