

Fuchsia Southern Belles

Plant type: Annual
Uses: Containers, hanging basket

Approximate crop timing (mid season)

Ball 84 and 42 to flowering 7 - 9 weeks (supplied as a pinched plug), with saleable plants possible from 4 - 5 weeks from potting

Growing on:

Temperature Initially 18 – 20°C until plants are established, after this the temperatures can be reduced.

pH 5.5 - 6.0

Feeding Feed regularly with a balanced feed with an EC of 1 – 1.2

Pinching The Ball 84 plug is already pinched once. Regulation of plant size can be done by pinching between the 4th and 6th leaf pair. Plants generally require only 1 pinch. From pinching it takes approximately 8 – 10 weeks to flower.

Growth regulation Generally not required.

Pack/Pot size From 9cm pots upwards and hanging baskets

Advice Media should retain moisture, but drain well. Plants require regular watering to maintain moisture in the pot but excessive watering can lead to stretching. Plants should not be allowed to wilt. The plant is a long day plant which requires at least 12 hours daylight for flowering. Night break lighting can help induce flowering.

Common diseases Rust disease - light brown spotting on the underside of leaves. Botrytis.

Common pests Whitefly, Aphids, Thrips and Mites.

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