

Gazania

Plant type:	Tender perennial
Uses:	Garden and outdoor containers
Plant height:	20 – 25cm
Sowing:	Sow January for pack/pot production flowering late April – May. Sow end February – March for Summer planting. 18-20°C. Cover with an average layer of medium Vermiculite. Germination 1 week.

Approximate crop timing (mid season)

Sowing to transplanting	3 – 4 weeks
Sowing to flowering	13 – 14 weeks
Ball 350 to flowering	10 – 14 weeks
Ball 230 to flowering (wk 4 - 8)	11 – 13 weeks
Ball 230 to flowering (wk 10 - 16)	7 – 9 weeks

Growing on:

Temperature	Grow at 18 – 21°C to establish transplanted seedlings or plugs. Once established reduce night temperature to 13-16°C.
pH	5.8 – 6.2
Feeding	Maintain EC level 1.0 – 1.5. Feed N:P:K regularly starting about 4 weeks after potting.
Growth regulation	Grow on a dry culture, allowing media to dry out between watering but do not allow plants to wilt. The varieties can be grown without the use of chemical growth regulators.
Pack/Pot size	6-Packs. 9 – 10.5 cm pots or larger for Summer booster bedding.
Planting out spacing	15 – 20cm
Advice	Water early in the day to allow foliage to dry before nightfall. Saturated media will induce stretching.
Common diseases	Botrytis, Rhizoctonia, Sclerotinia
Common pests	Thrips, Spider Mites, Aphids

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