

Culture Information

Linaria

Plant type:	Annual
Uses:	Containers, hanging baskets and as bedding
Plant height:	20 – 25cm
Sowing:	Sow January – March (indoors). 18 -20°C. Cover with a thin layer of fine Vermiculite. Germination 1 week.

Approximate crop timing (mid season)

Sowing to transplanting	3 weeks
Sowing to flowering	10 - 12 weeks

Growing on:

Temperature	16– 18°C Day and 11 – 15°C Night
pH	5.5 - 6.2
Feeding	Regular balanced feeding programme
Growth regulation	Once the basal growth develops after transplanting pinch plants back to get compact plants with bushy habit. Even mature plants quickly recover after cutting back if growth becomes straggly. We have not found chemical growth regulation effective.
Pack/Pot size	1 plant per 9cm pot or 3 plants per 12cm pot.
Planting out spacing	20 x 20 cm. 25 plants per m sq.
Advice	The root system is very fine and needs careful handling at the transplanting stage. Water in well after transplanting then dry down for growing on. Plants require good light levels.
Common diseases	Root diseases e.g. Pythium and Phytophthera.

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