

Primula obconica Libre

Plant type:	Glasshouse perennial. Libre is a primin free variety reducing the probability of irritation to the skin.
Uses:	Pot plant
Sowing:	24°C for 2 weeks then 18°C Do not cover with Vermiculite. Germination 3 – 5 weeks. (Light can help germination). Sowings can be made throughout the year but May – early June should produce plants for marketing at Christmas and July – August sowings for the Spring/Mother’s Day market.

Approximate crop timing (mid season)

Sowing to transplanting	6 – 7 weeks
Sowing to flowering	22 – 28 weeks

Growing on:

Temperature	Once transplanted maintain an average day temperature of 15 – 18°C and night temperature of 10°C. Excessively high temperatures will produce large leaves and poor flowering
pH	5.8 – 6.5
Feeding	Start to feed about 5 – 6 weeks after potting. Initially a 2:1:1 N.P.K feed changing to 1:1:2 as the first flower buds appear. Chlorosis of the lower leaves indicates iron deficiency, which may be caused if the pH is too high.
Pot size	1 – 4 seedlings in a 10 – 12 cm pot. Use a soft potting technique
Advice	Ventilate freely to keep humidity as low as possible. Space well to avoid leggy plants.
Common diseases	Damping off diseases at the seedling stage.
Common pests	Leafhopper, Caterpillar, Aphids, Mites and Whitefly.

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