

Fuchsia

Plant type:	Annual or perennial
Uses:	Containers, hanging baskets, garden
Plant height:	

Approximate crop timing (mid season)

Ball 84 and 42 to flowering	6 – 8 weeks
Ball 142 to flowering	8 – 10 weeks

Fuchsia “Buds of May” are the fastest varieties to flower for colour sales in May. Just 4 – 5 weeks from potting in an 84 or 42 tray. Ball 84 and 42 trays are sold as pinched plants.

Growing on:

Temperature	Initially 18 – 20°C until plants are established, after this, temperatures can be reduced.
pH	5.5 - 6.0
Feeding	Feed regularly with a balanced feed with an EC of 1 – 1.2
Pinching	Regulation of plant size can be done by pinching between the 4th and 6th leaf pair. Plants generally require only one pinch. From pinching it takes approximately 6 weeks to flower. The Ball 42 and 84 plug is already pinched once.
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, Thrip and Mites.

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