

# Grower's Facts

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## Petunia

*Petunia grandiflora Double Cascade Mix F1*

**PLANTATION:** Sow the seeds 13-15 weeks before the last frost. Keep the temperature between 22 and 24 °C. Germination time is 10 days.

**SOL: Indoor:** A well-drained, porous sowing media is best to prevent overwatering.

**Outdoor:** Rich, light, well-drained soil.

### PLANTING:

**Step 1:** plow the soil about 30 cm (12 inches). Add an equal part of potting soil and mix well. Dig a hole approximately the same length as the container and about 1 ½ to 3 times the width.

**Step 2:** slightly squeeze the container, tap out the plant, and delicately free the roots. If the roots are too dense, liberate the fibers by inserting a knife or a transplanter. Separate the roots carefully, and then place in the hole.

\* **Good to know:** Use an organic bone meal or a «soil activator» when transplanting to stimulate root development. Follow the instructions for use on the package.

Fill up the hole with garden soil. Slightly press the soil around the base of the plant to favor the contact between the roots and the soil. Water regularly every 2 or 3 days until the soil is well compacted.

**Note:** Once installed in the garden or in its planter, the petunia is very easy to maintain. Simply remove the faded flowers as you go to encourage the appearance of new flowers. During the hot weather, do not hesitate to water in the evening to prevent your petunias from drying out. Petunias need regular watering, especially in containers, planters and hanging baskets. Avoid drowning the roots because he does not like it either. Make sure it is not going to rain before you water. Fertilize them once a week with flower plant food.