

Culture Information

Cineraria

Plant type: Glasshouse biennial
Uses: Pot plant
Plant height: 15-25cm

Sowing: Foliage types: February-March.
Flowering types: June-December. (Main sowing period July-August).
20°C. Do not cover seed if high humidity can be maintained or cover with a thin layer of fine Vermiculite.
Presence of light may increase germination.
Germination 1-2 weeks.

Approximate crop timing

Flowering Types	Sow	Plug Delivery Week	Market
Jester Series	September	Ball 104: 40- 42	Feb/Mar
	October		Mar/Apr
Foliage Types	Sow	Plug Delivery Week	Market
Silver Dust Cirrus	Feb/March	Seed	April/May
		Ball 230: 6- 8	6 weeks
		10-24	4 weeks
		Ball 350: 26-34	6 weeks
		8- 22	7 weeks

Growing on for flowering types:

Temperature After transplanting maintain a temperature of 18°C until roots are actively growing.
At about 8-10 leaf stage cool temperatures are needed to initiate flower buds, approximately 7-9°C night and maximum 12°C day for a minimum of 4-5 weeks.
Finishing at 13-16°C produces a more compact plant but with slower flowering than a 16-18°C finishing temperature.

pH 5.7- 6.2 pH over 6.5 inhibits iron uptake and produced leaf yellowing.

Feeding In 9cm pots use 1:1:1 balanced feed once roots have reached the pot wall, in larger pots feeding will be needed 6-8 weeks after potting. After flower initiation increase potash levels.

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Growth regulation Chemical growth regulators are not essential on Jester series if produced in 12-13cm pots.
For 10cm production, Jester like Cineraria in general, will respond to Daminozide growth regulator spray. Apply before flower initiation to reduce foliage size and improve uniformity.

Pack/Pot size

Pot size				Spacing Plants per m²
9cm	Jester			25
10/11cm	Jester			18
12/13cm	Jester	Brilliant	Royalty	8 - 11

Advice Pot on using a soft potting technique.
Provide shading in high light conditions to prevent leaf burn.
Throughout Autumn and Winter the plants should be kept just moist, and good ventilation is required.

Common pests Aphids, Whitefly and Leaf Miner

Common diseases Botrytis and powdery mildew can occur if overcrowded and poorly ventilated.
Root rot in wet conditions.

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