

Culture Information

Cyclamen

Plant type:	Glasshouse perennial
Uses:	Pot plant and in mixed containers
Plant height:	6-22cm
Sowing:	February-April for marketing September through to Christmas. 15-18°C. Cover with an average layer of medium Vermiculite. Germination initially should be in the dark. After about 18 days inspect daily and move into light when seedlings have emerged. Germination 3-4 weeks.

Approximate crop timing

Sowing to transplanting: 11-12 weeks (235 Tray), 14-15 weeks (104 Tray)

Sowing to flowering:	Metis®	23-28 weeks
	Latinias®	29-34 weeks
	Halios®	31-35 weeks

Ball 104 to flowering:	Latinia® Success®	15-19 weeks
	Halios®	17-20 weeks
	Halios® Curly®	17-20 weeks
	Halios® Fantasia®	17-20 weeks
	Indiaka®	17-20 weeks
	Abanico®	17-20 weeks

Ball 235 to flowering:	Smartiz®	12-15 weeks
	Metis® Fantasia®	12-15 weeks
	Metis®	12-15 weeks
	Metis® Decora	12-15 weeks
	Metis® Pompom®	13-16 weeks
	Metis® Victoria®	12-15 weeks
	Tianis®	12-15 weeks
	Metalis®	12-15 weeks

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Growing on:

Temperature: Keep at 18°C while root growth is needed at seedling development and transplanting periods, then 12-15°C.

pH: 6.0-6.5

Feeding: If using a peat-based compost a 2:1:1 NPK weekly feed until bud formation changing to 1:1:1 and then 1:1:2 as flowers develop. Alternatively incorporating a slow release granular fertiliser in the compost is popular for this crop.

Pot size and spacing:	Recommended pot sizes:	Pot sizes possible:	Plants/M²
	Smartiz [®] 9-10.5cm/6 Pack	6-10.5cm	25-40
	Metis [®] 10.5cm/ Jumbo Pack	9-12cm	15-25
	Tianis [®] 11-12cm	10.5-12cm/Jumbo Pack	20-25
	Abanico [®] 12-13cm	12-13cm	15-25
	Latinia [®] 13cm	11-13cm	15-25
	Halios [®] 13-17cm	12-22cm	10-15

Advice: Use a soft potting technique for transplanting leaving about 1/3 of the corm exposed after watering in.
Plants should be shaded temporarily in bright sunlight, but prolonged shading will cause large leaf development and flower number will be reduced.
Grow on a dry regime but avoid wilting.
Water early in the day to avoid foliage lying wet overnight.
Good ventilation is essential.

Common pests and diseases: Fusarium Wilt - sudden yellowing of the foliage and irreversible wilting.
Corm death - associated with over watering and poor hygiene.
Bacterial rot - wilting of the leaves without yellowing along with a soft corm.
Botrytis - Grey Mould.
Cyclamen mite - bronzing, hardening and distortion of the leaves.
Vine Weevil - soft larvae which feed on corms.
Sciarid Fly - associated with wet conditions.
Thrip - flecking marks on flowers from feeding.

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