

Wallflower

(See Culture Focus Sheet W2 for Sunset and W3 for Sugar Rush culture)

Plant type:	Biennial
Uses:	Garden border and patio containers
Plant height:	25-35cm
Sowing:	Sow June – August for March - April flowering. 15°C. Cover with an average layer of medium Vermiculite. Germination in 2 – 3 weeks. Temperatures above 20°C will depress germination.

Approximate crop timing (mid season)

Sowing to transplanting	3 – 4 weeks
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Growing on:

Temperature	Maintain a temperature of 16 – 18°C for 1 week after transplanting to allow roots to establish. Packs can then be grown on in cold frame, tunnel or outdoor standing out area.
pH	6.0 – 7.0
Feeding	Incorporation of long-term slow release fertiliser in the pack can be useful.
Growth regulation	Plants will respond to PGRs. Water plants well and allow the foliage to dry before spraying. Tom Thumb and Bloomsy Baby varieties are compact and growth regulation should not be necessary.
Pack/Pot size	6 pack/9–10cm pot, up to 15-19cm for the more vigorous varieties.
Planting out	Ideal for container use but can also be used for bedding out planting at 15 – 20cm spacing.
Advice	Ensure good ventilation throughout the Winter months. Do not allow the plants to become waterlogged.
Common diseases	Botrytis (Grey Mould), Xanthomonas (Wilt)
Common pests	Aphids, Flea Beetle

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