

COLEUS AT-A-GLANCE

ABOUT

- Grown as annual most places
- Warm-weather loving plant
- Adds beautiful color from foliage
- Grow from transplants mostly, but can be grown from seeds
- Cuttings create new plants
- Can be grown in pots, containers, raised beds, hanging baskets, or in ground
- Will die with first frost

STATS

- Grow from 6-26" in height
- Space 8-12" apart
- Upright, rounded, or trailing forms
- Shades of maroon, purple, red, pink, yellow, or green
- Leaves have leather-like feel with different patterns



REQUIREMENTS

- Zones 10-11 as perennial; Annual everywhere else
- Full shade, partial shade, or some varieties in full sun
- Soil pH neutral or slightly acidic
- Rich, fertile, well-draining soil
- Soil or outside temps

PLANTING SEEDS

- Start seeds indoors 8-10 weeks before last spring frost date
- Add to moistened seed starting mix and lightly cover
- Need light to germinate
- Keep soil moist but not saturated
- Takes 21 days to germinate
- Thin seeds once see two sets of leaves on stem
- Transplant once nighttime temps stay above 60° F

MAINTENANCE

- Keep roots moist but not saturated
- Check moisture in potted coleus frequently
- Give container plants liquid fertilizer every 10-14 days
- Give flower bed & garden plants monthly dose all-purpose fertilizer

ISSUES

- Excessive moisture causes root rot and stem rot
- Aphids, whiteflies, and mealybugs

MISC

- Pinch back plant in first few months
- Remove flowers
- Can propagate from 4-6" cuttings
- May overwinter indoors with cuttings; Bring inside before light freezes



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