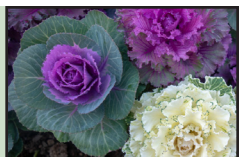


# ORNAMENTAL CABBAGE & KALE AT-A-GLANCE



## ABOUT

- Biennial; Grown as annual
- Cool-Weather Plants (can survive temps down to 5° F)
- Mainly used for decorations
- Is edible but very bitter tasting
- Buy as plants or plant seeds
- Plant in pots, containers, raised beds, or in the ground

## STATS

- 6-35" tall
- 18-24" spacing apart
- Dark green foliage
- White, purple, pink, red, and green rosettes in middle
- Ornamental cabbage has flat, broad leaves with smooth edges
- Ornamental Kale has frilly, serrated, or fringed leaf edges

## REQUIREMENTS

- Zones 2-11
- Full sun location
- Soil pH of 5.8-6.5
- Organically rich, well-draining soil
- Daytime temps of 40-80° F ideal
- Nighttime temps below 60° F needed for colors to develop

## PLANTING SEEDS

- Plant in early August (takes 12 weeks to mature)
- Sow in containers 12" wide x 12" deep or in ground.
- Sprinkle on soil and lightly cover
- Germinates around 10 days
- Thin seeds 18-24" apart when 1st set of leaves appears

## PLANTING TRANSPLANTS

- Plant in early fall
- Loosen 8-10" soil; Add compost
- Release plant from pot and break apart roots
- Add to hole and backfill
- Water thoroughly
- Mulch if wanted

## MAINTENANCE

- Need 1" water weekly
- Fertilize after 2 weeks until mature
- Remove yellow or brown bottom leaves

## ISSUES

- Aphids, cabbage moths and worms, slugs
- Black rot, leaf spot, blackleg
- Death by sudden cold snap



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