

# GLADIOLUS AT-A-GLANCE

## ABOUT

- Stunning tall flowers in gardens and flower beds; Also excellent cut flowers
- Member of Iris family
- Also nicknamed “sword lily” due to long, tall stem
- Planted as corms in spring
- Blooms in the summer until fall from the bottom up
- Hardy in zones 8-11; Treated as annuals elsewhere
- Can be planted every couple of weeks for constant blooming

## STATS

- Over 250 varieties available
- Grow between 2-5 feet tall
- Blooms in colors of pink, red, orange, yellow, green, purple, and white
- Petals can be solid, variegated, streaked, ruffled or doubled
- Blooms range from 2.5-5.5” wide
- Space corms 6-8 inches apart

## REQUIREMENTS

- Plant in location with full sun
- Well-draining, neutral soil with pH of 6.0-6.5
- Wait to plant until soil temp is at least 55-60°

## PLANTING CORMS

- Loosen soil 10-12” deep
- Amend compacted soil with sand and compost
- Choose corms that are at least 1” in diameter
- Dig a hole that is an inch wider than corm and at least 6” deep
- Add a few inches of compost
- Set corm with pointy end up; backfill and water well
- Space additional corms 6-8” apart



## MAINTENANCE

- Taller varieties will need staking
- Add 1” water each week
- Mulch to prevent weeds and maintain soil moisture
- Can fertilize after stems are around a foot tall & again when flowering

## ISSUES

- Corm rot and aster yellows
- Thrips, spider mites and aphids

## MISC

- Make excellent cut flowers
- In morning, cut stems diagonally & place immediately in water
- Remove any submerged leaves
- Will last around 1-2 weeks



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