

# BLANKET FLOWERS AT-A-GLANCE



## ABOUT

- Native to North & South America
- Also called Gaillardia
- Blooms all summer until first frost
- Great for locations other flowers can't grow in
- Buy as plants or plant seeds
- Drought resistant
- Lives 2-3 years
- Self seeder; Thin every few years

## STATS

- Three main types; Gaillardia Pulchella most commonly found
- Grows between 8'-3' tall; Taller varieties could use staking
- Spreads 1-2' wide
- Blooms in red, orange, yellow, maroon, white, brown & variations
- Takes 3-4 months from seeds until blooming

## REQUIREMENTS

- Hardy in growing zones 3-10
- Prefers full sun
- Thrives in poor soil with good drainage
- Plant when soil temps are above 50° F

## STARTING SEEDS INDOORS

- Start seeds 6-8 weeks before last frost date
- Use seed starting soil
- Place two seeds near center of container and don't cover
- Seeds need light to germinate
- Keep soil lightly moistened
- Will germinate in 2-3 weeks
- Thin to one seed per container

## PLANTING TRANSPLANTS

- Choose location with full sun and well-draining soil
- Make slightly larger hole than root ball and place plant inside
- No need to add compost
- Mound soil and water well

## MAINTENANCE

- Once established, only water during extreme heat
- No need to fertilize
- Deadheading can promote more blooms but not required
- Thin to keep location tidy
- To overwinter, trim to 6" & add mulch

## ISSUES

- Aster yellows, root rot, powdery mildew
- Avoid overwatering



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