PANSIES AT-A-GLANCE

ABOUT

- Short-lived perennial flowers but usually treated as annuals
- · Blooms in spring or fall (coolweather loving plant)
- · Can start as seeds but easier to plant transplants
- Plant in-ground or containers

STATS

- Grow to be 12" tall and wide
- · Space between 6-
- · Blooms in blue, purple, red, orange, yellow, pink, and white
- · Many varieties available, including semi-training and clumping

REQUIREMENTS

- Hardy in zones 3-10
- Need 6 hours of early sun
- · Acidic to neutral soil pH with plenty of organic matter
- Well-draining soil
- Soil temps of 45-65° F

PLANTING SEEDS

 Start seeds indoors 8-10 weeks before last frost date (spring) or first frost date (fall)



Simple Garden

 Add seed starting soil to containers and add seeds: Lightly cover with soil



- Cover with clear plastic and keep soil evenly moist
- Germinates in 1-3 weeks
- · Remove plastic & use grow lights
- · Plant outside when soil reaches correct temp

PLANTING TRANSPLANTS

- Choose small, compact plants with several buds
- · Plant in early spring or fall
- For fall blooming, plant at least 6 weeks before first frost date
- · For spring blooming, plant at least 3-4 weeks before last frost date or when soil reaches correct temp

MAINTENANCE

- · Water often, about 1" per week; Pansies prefer moist soil
- · Fertilize monthly during blooming
- Deadheading spent blooms

ISSUES & MISC

- · Slugs, aphids, spider mites
- · Powdery & downy mildew, root rot
- · Flowers can be used as edible garnishes