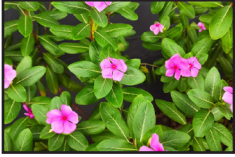


VINCA AT-A-GLANCE

ABOUT



- Annual vinca sometimes called periwinkle; some varieties

- are ground cover perennials
- Blooms early summer until frost
- Drought & heat resistant
- Plant in sunny and dry locations
- Foliage also attractive
- Grow in hanging baskets, flower beds, containers, in-ground
- Can grow as seeds but does better from transplants or cuttings

STATS

- Between 6-18" tall & 6" to 3' wide, depending on variety
- Colorful 5-petal blooms with contrasting centers
- Colors in red, pink, white & purple

REQUIREMENTS

- Hardy in Zones 9-11
- Requires full sun, 8+ hours
- Soil pH of 5.5-6.0, but can grow almost any conditions
- Require well-draining soil; Avoid overly wet locations

PLANTING SEEDS

- Start seeds 10-12 weeks before last frost date
- Use seed starting soil and temps of 70-75°F; Can use heat mat
- Watch for dampening off

PLANTING TRANSPLANTS

- Wait to plant until soil is 60° or above before transplanting
- Amend soil with compost and sand if not well-draining
- Create hole same size as root ball
- Add plant, backfill, and water well
- Space plants 8-12" apart but will depend on variety
- For cuttings, take 4-6" off of stem that's done blooming; Remove bottom leaves & put stem in water; Transplant to pot once rooting and care for until spring planting

MAINTENANCE

- Only water in extreme droughts
- Fertilizing not needed but can do half strength for container plants
- Deadheading not needed

ISSUES

- Watch for root rot (overwatering)
- Leaf spot and blight (overcrowding; thin for better circulation)



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