

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## HOW TO PRUNE?

In early to late March, cut away the top 12 inches of all old growth. This stimulates considerable new growth in the spring and summer from all areas of the vines. If your plant blooms primarily one the top section only with little new growth in its mid section, you can prune these more heavily instead. Just do so in early spring.

## CAN THESE BE GROWN IN CONTAINERS?

Although these prefer the garden, you may grow inside large containers. Grow plants into at least 15 inch pots separately or together inside one larger container. As a climber, they will need a trellis, cage, or post to cling onto.

## DO THESE HAVE THORNS LIKE MOST CLIMBING VINES?

No these are thornless. So you can plant them just about anywhere and not worry about any one getting pricked.

## DO THESE LIKE THE SUN OR NOT?

Full sun or partial sun. Plants can take intense sun on the flowers and leaves but prefer a cooler shaded root zone sheltered from the sun retaining adequate soil moisture. Use growing plants in front of them to accomplish this if they are in hot sun. Too little light will cause soft, limp foliage without flowers.

# FIRST THINGS FIRST...

When your plant arrives from Roberta's, remove from the shipping box immediately.

Remove plastic bag and sleeve from around potted plant(s). Discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil. Pull away any yellow or brown leaves that may have occurred during transit. If you can not plant it into garden or larger pot within a few days, make sure it stays well watered.

When ready to plant, do the job as early in the day as possible to avoid extreme soil temperatures that prevent proper water uptake from the roots. Water them in well and whisper a few words of wisdom.



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## Plant Hardiness Zone Map



9a to 11  7a  6a  5a   
8a to 8b  6b  5bs to 5bn  3a to 4b   
7b 



# ROBERTA'S GARDENS

## PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



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## QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:	Full to Partial
USDA HARDINESS ZONES:	4 - 9
PLANT TYPE	Perennial
PLANTING DISTANCE:	24 inches or more
MATURE HEIGHT/SPREAD:	8 to 10 feet tall 4 to 5 feet wide
BLOOM TIME:	Early Summer – Autumn by 2nd season
PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS: (soil preparation, depth, which end is up, etc.)	Unpack your plant(s) immediately removing any packing material. Cut away any yellow or brown leaves or broken stems that may have occurred. Dig holes twice the width of the root ball and about 5-6 inches deep. Place them in their holes. Water them thoroughly.

## PLANTING GUIDE

1 STEP	Unpack your plant(s) immediately removing any packing material. Cut away any yellow or brown leaves or broken stems that may have occurred.
2 STEP	Plant in garden immediately after the night temperatures stay above 40 degrees. Give plants some type of support like a trellis, wire cage, netting, verandah post, mail box post, or arbor.
3 STEP	Dig holes twice the width of the root ball and about 5 to 6 inches deep. Place them in their holes. Fill with soil and pack in firmly covering entire root zone.
4 STEP	Water the plants thoroughly. Repeat a couple times per week all summer long.

## CONTINUING CARE

### KEY TIPS

Plants can take intense sun on the flowers and leaves but prefer a cooler shaded root zone sheltered from the sun retaining adequate moisture. Plant low growing plants in front of them to accomplish this if they are in hot sun.

### SHELF LIFE

Plant in garden immediately after the night temperatures stay above 40 degrees.

### PLANT PREPARATION

Cut away any yellow or brown leaves or broken stems that may have occurred. This grooming is completely normal and will take place as the plant grows. New leaves and stems appear as the old ones are cut away.

### TRAINING

Give plants some type of support as they are showy tendril climbers. A trellis, wire cage, netting, arbor, or verandah post. These vines grow rapidly.

### POTTED PLANTS

These plants prefer to be planted directly into the garden.

### SOIL PREPARATION

They prefer a well-drained, humus-rich soil as opposed to a clayish or rocky soil.

### PLANTING DEPTH and SPACING

Plant separately spacing about 2 feet. Dig holes twice the width of the root ball and about 5 to 6 inches deep. Place them in their holes. Fill with soil and pack in firmly covering entire root zone.

### WATER

Water the plants thoroughly a couple times per week. Repeat all summer long. They like moisture in the soil at all times during the growing season.

### FERTILIZER

This helps maintain flower size and count from year to year. For best results, use a well balanced fertilizer that promotes blooming like Roberta's Flower Magic Plant Food (M7503) once a month April through October. Misting the leaves with a diluted solution is very beneficial for the flower production.

### LIGHTING

Full sun or partial sun. Plants can take intense sun on the flowers and leaves but prefer a cooler shaded root zone sheltered from the sun retaining adequate soil moisture. Use growing plants in front of them to accomplish this if they are in hot sun. Too little light will cause soft, limp foliage without flowers.

### BLOOMING TIME

Blooms after 8-10 weeks upon receipt during from summer - autumn. The second season they begin their blooming in early summer.

### TEMPERATURE ZONE 4 TO 9

You may place plants outside as long as evening temperatures stay above 40 degrees Fahrenheit. In the winter when they are dormant they are hardy to about minus 20 degrees Fahrenheit.

### PRUNING

In early to late March, cut away the top 12 inches of all old growth. This stimulates considerable new growth in the spring and summer from all areas of the vines.

### WINTERIZING

Plants rest from October through March and lose their leaves.

### PROPAGATING

These plants will re-bloom every year. They can be subdivided in early spring after 3-5 years. Dig down with a shovel into the middle of the root zone. Lift out one half leaving the other half intact. Keep the soil surrounding the roots intact on the lifted portion. Re-plant immediately giving the transplant and original plants extra water for a couple weeks.

## ADDITIONAL REFERENCE



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