

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHERE SHOULD THESE BE PLANTED?

These plants are striking in the sunny border when grown in fertile, well-drained soil. In colder climates, mulching will improve winter hardiness, or the corms can be lifted and stored. Visited in the wild by songbirds, the flowers also attract bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds, and are excellent for cutting. Many Crocosmias are vigorous spreaders, and have escaped the garden in some areas. They should be divided every few years to maintain a relatively compact clump.

DO THEY MAKE GOOD CUT FLOWERS?

These make excellent cut flowers. Cut as much of the stem's length as you want.

THE LEAVES LOOK WHITE WITH BROWN SPOTS?

Powdery mildew can be a serious problem if you do not control it chemically or provide good air circulation. Brown leaf spots may be a problem for your Liatris crop too. The spots appear first on the leaves and then on the stem. After 5 or 6 days, the stem completely wilts. This disease appears on isolated plants and sometimes causes crop loss. If you see this remove that section of plant with a shovel.

WHAT IS NEEDED TO SUB DIVIDE THEM?

These bulbs will re-bloom every year in the early summer to autumn. The bulbs may be lifted every few years and divided in spring or late fall. When doing so, use a dull knife and allow at least one eye per division. Dust the newly cut ends with a fungicidal powder before replanting.

DO THESE LIKE THE SUN?

Yes they thrive in well-drained soil in full sun. It is a suitable choice for southern gardens since it is very tolerant of hot summers.

WHAT ARE GOOD COMPANION PLANTS?

Coreopsis, Day Lilies, Lamb's Ear, Miscanthus, Lobelia, Sedum, Malva, Gaillardia, garden Phlox.

FIRST THINGS FIRST...

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

Keep bulb(s) inside packing material until ready to plant into ground or container. Put in a cool, protected area and plant as soon as possible. For extended storage time, place in refrigerator for up to 3 weeks.

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



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Crocosmia
(*Crocosmia crocosmiiflora*)



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QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:	Full to Partial
USDA HARDINESS ZONES:	5-9
PLANT TYPE	Perennial
PLANTING DISTANCE:	6-8 inches
MATURE HEIGHT/SPREAD:	18-30 inches (varies by variety) 12-18 inches
BLOOM TIME:	Early Summer – Late Fall
PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS: (soil preparation, depth, which end is up, etc.)	Plant bulbs in the garden once the ground has thawed accordingly spacing them 6 to 8 inches apart. Cover the top of bulbs with 3 to 4 inches of soil. Water the plants thoroughly.

PLANTING GUIDE

1 STEP	Keep bulb(s) inside packing material until ready to plant into ground or container. Put in a cool, protected area and plant as soon as possible. For extended storage time, place in refrigerator for up to 3 weeks.
2 STEP	Plant bulbs in the garden once the ground has thawed accordingly spacing them 6 to 8 inches apart. Cover the top of bulbs with 3 to 4 inches of soil. Full or partial sun is best. Otherwise plant bulbs into 6 inch pots separately or combine into larger pots. Water the plants thoroughly.
3 STEP	In the garden, the bulbs will sprout when the soil temperature rises usually around May. In pots, place plants outside as long as evening temperatures stay above 35 degrees Fahrenheit.
4 STEP	Planted now each bulb will produce flowers in mid-summer.

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SHELF LIFE

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DETERMINING THE BOTTOM OR TOP OF BULB

The concave side is the bottom and the pointed side the top.

PREPARATION

These bulbs can be planted immediately in pots. If planting bulbs into the garden itself, wait until the ground is permanently thawed.

GARDEN LOCATION

They prefer full or partial sun. Cover them with 3 to 4 inches of soil spacing about six to eight inches apart.

POTTED PLANTS

You may plant them two per 6 inch pot or combine together into larger pots.

SOIL

Use a regular potting or garden soil.

WATER

Water upon planting and a couple times a week all summer long. They like it moist.

SPACING

In garden space at least 6 to 8 inches apart. In pots you can space a little closer.

HEIGHT AND WIDTH

These grow about 36 to 42 inches tall and 12 to 18 inches wide.

FERTILIZER

This helps maintain flower size and count from year to year. For best results, use Roberta's Flower Magic Plant Food (M7503) once a month all summer long.

LIGHTING

Full or partial sun is preferred.

BLOOMING

These will bloom in the first season and thereafter from early summer to fall.

TEMPERATURE ZONE 5 to 9

If they are planted in the ground, they will come up at the right time without worries of frost damage. If they are planted in pots, you may place your pots outside and leave them there all summer long when nights stay above 35F degrees. They are hardy to minus 15 F below 0 if planted in the garden and a little less if planted in pots.

WINTER DORMANCY

Plants rest from November - June. Protect crowns with mulch the first season.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE

Top end more pointed



Bottom end more concave

Bulb Crocosmia Shipped As Shown



Bright color all summer long



Crocosmia in a pot late summer of 1st season



Adds a tropical flair to gardens while thriving in hot dry areas



Star-shaped flowers