

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **WHY IS IT SUGGESTED TO SOAK THE BULBS BEFORE PLANTING?**

Soak your bulbs in lukewarm water a few hours or overnight to give them a wake up call. This pre-planting soak will get the bulbs ready to grow. This will encourage them to sprout faster and get growing so they develop a good root structure their first autumn in the garden. They develop flowers in the spring and roots in autumn.

### **DOES IT MATTER WHICH SIDE IS UP WHEN PLANTING THE BULB?**

It doesn't matter which side of the bulb is facing up. Regardless of how the bulbs are positioned, they will still grow. Anemones can typically figure out which way is up.

### **ARE THEY DEER RESISTANT?**

Yes. Remember, we say deer 'resistant' and not deer 'proof'. Younger plants may be at greater risk of being eaten and younger deer may eat anything in sight as they learn what they do and do not like.

### **WHAT IS THE BEST LOCATION FOR ANEMONES?**

Anemones provide much needed color during the springtime in terrific shades of blue for rock gardens, groundcovers, borders and beds, naturalized woodland area, and containers, while also making excellent cut flowers for bouquets. They're also viable underneath trees and even the poisonous walnut tree.

### **HOW MUCH DO I WATER MY ANEMONES?**

Keep moist during the growing season. Water as needed during the active growth cycle, about 1 inch per week is sufficient.

### **COMMONLY KNOWN AS WINDFLOWERS?**

Although they're known as Grecian Windflowers, they are best suited in a location that is sheltered from the wind.

### **GARDEN AWARDS?**

Anemone blanda was awarded the prestigious RHS garden merit award.

## FIRST THINGS FIRST...

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

Keep bulbs 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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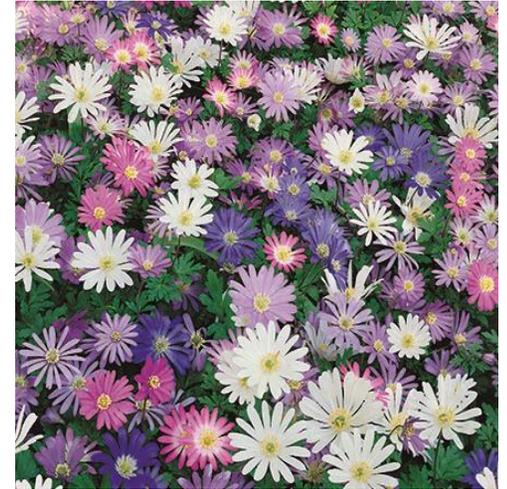
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## Roberta's Gardens

### Planting and Growing Guide



### Grecian Windflower Mixture

(Anemone blanda)



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## QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:	Partial to Full Sun
USDA HARDINESS ZONES:	4 to 10
PLANTING DISTANCE:	4-5 inches per bulb
MATURE HEIGHT/SPREAD:	4-6 inches / 4-5 inches
BLOOM TIME:	Mid Spring
PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS:	Remove plastic from bag and/or sleeve around bulbs. Transplant into the garden as soon as the evening temperatures stay above 40F. Plant 2.5 to 3 inches deep and 4 to 5 inches apart per bulb.

(soil preparation, depth, which end is up, etc.)

## PLANTING GUIDE

1  
STEP

Keep 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.

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STEP

Transplant into the garden as soon as evening temperatures stay above 40F. Your hole should be 2.5-3" deep to accommodate the bulbs. Fill in the hole with soil and pack in firmly. Water them in well.

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STEP

Rather than in the garden you may re-pot into large containers. Re pot the plants into at least 12 inch pots separately or together inside one larger container.

4  
STEP

Planted now they will produce flowers in mid spring, March through April.

## CONTINUING CARE

### SHELF LIFE

Plant into garden or larger pots and place outside immediately after the night temperatures stay above 40 degrees.

### PLANT PREPARATION

Remove plastic bag and sleeve from around potted bulbs. 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.

### SOIL

Grow in fertile, moist, but well-drained soil. Amend clay type soils with compost or potting mix.

### POTTED PLANTS

Rather than in the garden you may re-pot into large containers. Repot the plants into at least 12 inch pots separately or together inside one larger container.

### GARDEN PREPARATION

They do best in full sun, but a half day of sun will suffice. The more sun the more intensified the blooms will be.

### PLANTING DISTANCE

If planted in the garden space each bulb 4-5 inches apart and plant 16 bulbs per square foot.

### PLANTING HEIGHT AND WIDTH

These grow about 4-6 inches tall and 4-5 inches wide.

### WATER

Water upon planting and just average watering in summer.

### FERTILIZER

They respond to feeding with a high bloom fertilizer like Roberta's Flower Magic plant food (M7503). Twice a month is sufficient. Also Roberta's Micro-nutrient Spray and Flourish (M26045) is a bonus for your plants. Once a month is sufficient.

### TEMPERATURE ZONES 4 to 10

When nights stay above 40 degrees, place your plants outside and leave them there. They can withstand winter temperatures to minus 30F.

### LIGHTING

In the growing season, partial sun or a slightly shaded area is best.

## ADDITIONAL REFERENCE

### BLOOMING

Under correct conditions, blooming appears throughout the mid spring.

### PRUNING

After blooming, the leaves will yellow and die back as they go into dormancy. At this point, you may cut the foliage back to the ground as the plants will rest for a few months before entering their next growth cycle.

### WINTER DORMANCY

After blooming has occurred, leave plants in place; do not cut them back. The leaves gather sunlight which strengthens the bulbs for the future.

### PROPAGATION

They can be subdivided in the spring after 2 to 3 year. Dig up plants not harming the roots, then divide the rhizomes into smaller divisions and replant in the spring.



Superb shades of blue