

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WHAT PROBLEMS CAN DICENTRA HAVE?

Occasionally bothered by slugs and snails, but this is not a serious threat. If the soil poorly drains, and is overly wet, the crowns of the plants may rot. Avoid these soils and allow good air circulation.

### IS DEADHEADING BENEFICIAL?

The smaller varieties of Dicentra will bloom right up until frost in temperate climates, especially if old flower stems are removed. In areas with very hot summers, flowering may stop but will resume when the temperatures cool.

### 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.

### WHERE ARE THEY BEST PLANTED?

They thrive in any partial to full shaded area. They well suited for woodland borders, edges, perennial shade gardens, pots, barrels and urns.

### DOES MULCHING PLAY A ROLE?

Many plants benefit from mulching, especially those that grow in the hot sun which dries out the soil quickly. Spread a 2 or 3 inch layer of some organic material such as dried grass clippings, wood chips, or chopped leaves on the soil around the base of the plants to discourage weeds, help the soil retain moisture and keep the roots cool. As it decomposes, mulch also contributes organic material and the beneficial organisms that live in it to the soil to improve it. This is critical in the very warm climates for dicentra.

### WHAT ARE SOME COMPANION PLANTS?

Some nice companions are other shade plants such as Aquilegia, Ferns, Tiarella, Campanula, Alchemilla, Pulmonaria, and is truly right at home in woodland gardens.

## FIRST THINGS FIRST...

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

Keep bare roots 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



9a to 11 (orange) 7a (light green) 6a (medium green) 5a (purple)  
8a to 8b (yellow) 6b (green) 5bs to 5bn (light blue) 3a to 4b (pink)  
7b (light yellow)



## ROBERTA'S GARDENS PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



Bleeding Hearts  
(*Dicentra spectabilis*)



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## QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:	Shade or Partial Sun
USDA HARDINESS ZONES:	3-9
PLANT TYPE	Perennial
PLANTING DISTANCE:	36-40 inches
MATURE HEIGHT/SPREAD:	24-36 inches tall 30-36 inches wide
BLOOM TIME:	Late Spring to Early Summer
PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS: <small>(soil preparation, depth, which end is up, etc.)</small>	Remove plastic bag and/or sleeve from around bare-roots. Transplant into the garden as soon as the evening temperatures stay above 40F.

## 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.
- 2 STEP** Transplant into the garden as soon as evening temperatures stay above 40F. Your hole should be deep enough to accommodate the roots and only 1 to 2 inches more covering the top. Fill in the hole with soil and water thoroughly. Plants prefer full sun to half day of sun.
- 3 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 aromatic flowers in summer.

## 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 bare-roots. 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,

### SOIL

Grow in evenly moist, rich soil. A 2 inch layer of mulch will help

### 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

Thrives in partial to full shade, but flowering is best with morning sun and afternoon shade.

### PLANTING DISTANCE

Spread them 36-40 inches apart.

### PLANTING HEIGHT AND WIDTH

These grow about 24-36 inches tall and 30-36 inches wide.

### WATER

Provide average watering if the season is dry.

### 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 3-9

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 summer growing season, partial to full shade is preferred.

### BLOOMING

Under correct conditions, blooming appears late spring to early summer. In areas with very hot summers, flowering may stop but will resume with cooler weather.

### WINTER DORMANCY

Remove dead foliage after a heavy frost in autumn, or anytime it becomes unattractive.

### PRUNING

Cut foliage back to soil level. A light mulch after the ground freezes will protect it from the harsh winter conditions.

### PROPAGATION

They can be divided in early spring; gently separate the brittle roots, replanting vigorous pieces from the outer edge of the plant. It's best to do this after 2-3 years.

## ADDITIONAL REFERENCE



Pink



Alba white