

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WHAT ARE INTERSPECIFIC HYBRIDS?

This collection is made up of Interspecific Geraniums which means that two very different kinds of geraniums were crossed to create these special varieties. In this case, zonal geraniums which have very large flowers were crossed with ivy geraniums which have great mounded growth to create a brand new geranium with mounded growth and large flowers – the best of both worlds.

### WHEN CAN I EXPECT BLOOMS?

These Geraniums will start to bloom very quickly and will continue to bloom all summer and autumn until the first frost, up to 6 months of flowers.

### WHERE DO THEY LOOK BEST IN THE GARDEN?

Because they are not winter hardy, they look best in containers on the patio or porch, in hanging baskets, or window boxes. They will grow very well right in the ground if you live where the winters stay warm or don't mind your plants only lasting one season.

### HOW DO I WINTERIZE THEM?

Because these Geranium can only handle temperatures down to 35F, if planted in containers, once temperatures start to dip below about 45F, simply place the containers in the home, garage, shed, basement or anywhere else that will shelter them from freezing temperatures. In the following spring, once the threat of frost is eliminated, bring them back outdoors.

## 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't 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 (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)



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**ROBERTA'S GARDENS**  
PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



Calliope® Geranium  
Collection  
(Pelargonium x interspecific hybrids)



## QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:	Full to Partial Sun
USDA HARDINESS ZONES:	9-11
PLANT TYPE	Annual
PLANTING DISTANCE:	12-18 inches
MATURE HEIGHT/SPREAD:	12-18 inches 12-18 inches
BLOOM TIME:	Spring to Frost
PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS:	Remove plastic bag and sleeve from around potted plant(s). Discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil. Transplant into a larger 10-12 Inch container or together in larger containers with adequate drainage holes.
(soil preparation, depth, which end is up, etc.)	

## PLANTING GUIDE

1  
STEP

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 or spent flowers that may have occurred during transit. If you cannot plant it into garden or larger pot within a few days, make sure it stays well watered.

2  
STEP

Transplant into a larger 10-12 inch container or together in larger container with adequate drainage holes. They can also be planted directly in garden spacing adequately. Water in well.

3  
STEP

You should place plants outside as long as evening temperatures stay above 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

4  
STEP

Planted now, plants should bloom from the summer to the first frost.

## CONTINUING CARE

### PLANT PREPARATION

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### POTTED PLANTS

Repot the plants into larger 10 to 12 inch pots separately or together in larger containers.

### SOIL

They like bagged potting mixes for houseplants that will drain well. Most garden centers carry various brand names with perlite, vermiculite, soil and sand.

### GARDEN PREPARATION

If your soil is clayish amend it with a standard garden soil for adequate drainage.

### PLANTING SPACING

If planting into the garden space them 12-18 inches apart. If planting into a container allow for adequate air ventilation on deck or patio.

### PLANT HEIGHT AND WIDTH

These grow about 12-18 inches tall and wide.

### WATER

They are incredibly sturdy plants that need no more care than the average watering. These are exceptionally heat tolerant, making them the perfect water wise plant for your garden.

### FERTILIZER

To promote more flowers use a well balanced fertilizer like Roberta's Flower Magic Plant Food (M7503) once a month April through August.

### LIGHTING

These prefer full to part sun.

### BLOOMING

They bloom from late spring until mid-fall.

### TEMPERATURE ZONE 9 to 11

When nights stay above 50 degrees, place your plants outside and leave them there all season.

### WINTER SEASON

If you live where the winters dip below 35F, bring the containers inside the home, basement, shed, garage or anywhere else that will shelter your plants from the cold. In the following spring, once the threat of frost is eliminated bring plants back outdoors. If you live where winters are warm, plants may continue blooming all winter long.

## ADDITIONAL REFERENCE



Geranium  
Shipped as shown



Incredible in window boxes



Beautiful in flower beds  
next to your petunias



Color from spring  
through fall