

# Gaillardia (Blanket Flower)

## 30ct Plug

Container:

Trade 1 Gallon Container

Finish:

6-7 weeks

When To Plant:

Early to late spring or early summer

## 72ct Plug

Container:

Trade 1 Gallon Container

Finish:

7-9 weeks

When To Plant:

Early to late spring or early summer

## Growing Temperature:

62-68° F

## Soil pH:

5.8-6.4

## Fertility:

Maintain a moderate fertility rate by applying 250-300 ppm of a well-balanced fertilizer with every other irrigation.

## Potting and Timing:

Pot in early to late spring in a well-drained media.

## Moisture:

Keep Gaillardia on the dry side.

Avoid overhead watering.

## Lighting:

Grow under high light levels. Gaillardia prefers long days with more than 12 hours of light.

## Holding Temperature:

50-60° F

## EC Level:

1.5-2.0 pour through method

## Vernalization:

Not required.

## Pests and Diseases:

Leaf spot (Septoria), powdery mildew (Erysiphe, Sphaerotheca), bacterial blight (Pseudomonas), leaf smut (Entyloma), Impatiens Necrotic Spot Virus (INSV), aster yellows.

## Planting Level:

At crown level.

## PGRs/Pinching:

Pinch buds during the first two weeks after transplanting. Once roots have established, apply Florel once at 500 ppm to develop breaks for a good plant structure. A B-Nine/Bonzi combination applied at a 3750/15 ppm rate is effective at controlling height. The first applications should be after bud set, but before stem elongation. A second application before the first bud opens is recommended. Spent flowers should be hard-pinched.

## Grower Tips:

Avoid overhead watering and water early in the day to allow any moisture on the foliage to dry before the end of the day.

Growing under cooler temperatures forms a better and fuller plant.



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