

## ***Eryngium planum*** ***Glitter Blue***

Flat Sea Holly

### ***Culture guide***

**Uses:**

Perennial, first year flowering. Cutflower, large containers, perennial borders, attractive for bees and butterflies

**Exposure:**

Sun

**Garden height:**

39" / 98 cm

**Crop time:**

6-7 months

**Sow time:**

2-3 seeds/plug

**Sowing method:**

December-March for flowering plants from June-August. July-August for larger flowering plants in the following year

**Germination:**

7-10 days at temperatures of 72-75 °F (22-24 °C) under lights.

**Growing On:**

Grow on at 60-70 °F (15-21 °C). Fertilize at 50-100 ppm nitrate nitrogen after initial transplant, increasing to 100-150 ppm once plants are well established.

**Media:**

Use a well-drained, growing perennial substrate, pH: 6.0-7.5. Field: humus, sandy loamy soils with good drainage.

**Temperature:**

Grow at 15-18 °C 59-64 °F or outdoors. In winter indoors frost free at 3-5 °C 37-41 °F or outdoors.

Outdoor fleece cover needed. In spring the plants start to grow at 12-18 °C 54-64 °F or outdoors at ambient conditions. Containers can be stored in cold storage and set up in intervals for forcing afterwards.

**Fertilization:**

High fertilization levels are required.