

Salvia splendens Cover Girl

Item no.: V0871

Crop Time

Spring: 6 - 7 weeks

Height

18cm

Exposure

Sun - Partial shade

Seed Form

Raw Seed

Best Uses

Bedding, Pot Plant

Culture guide

Usage

Plant for bedding or border, summer pot plant

Sow time

February-April for flowering in pots from April onwards; June for flowering in pots from August onwards

Sowing method

2-3 seeds per plug, sowing directly into pot is recommended

Germination

12-15 days at 72-75 °F (22-24 °C). Light is required for germination.

Growing on

Transplant plugs after 5-6 weeks. Grow on at 60-65 °F (15-18 °C).

Media

Use a well-drained, growing perennial substrate with 0-15 % clay, 0-15 % parts (e. g. bark, wood fibres, perlite), 1-3 kg/m³ complete balanced fertilizer, 0-2 kg/m³ slow release fertilizer (3-6 months), iron-chelate, micronutrients, pH: 5.5-6.5.

Temperature

Grow at 21-24 °C during daytime and at 13-16 °C during night. To the harden the plants for selling the temperature can be decreased to 12-14 °C. *S. splendens* does not tolerate frost.

Stage I Starts with the radicle breaking through the testa. The roots are touching the medium. Ends with fully developed cotyledons.

Stage II Starts from fully developed cotyledons. Ends with the fully developed true leaf or true leaf pair.

Stage III Starts from the fully developed true leaf or true leaf pair and ends with 80% of the young plants being marketable.

Stage IV All young plants are ready for sale and in the process of being hardened off. This stage lasts about 7 days.

The cultural recommendations are based on results from trials conducted under Central European conditions. Different conditions in other parts of the world may lead to deviations in results achieved.