

CULTURE ADVICE

pac[®] Antik [Pelargonium Zonale]

Description:	<p>The pac[®] Antik varieties are the strongest growing plants in the market, and they are very rich flowering. For this reason, they are ideal for production purposes and for shaping pyramids. But they are also great as ground covers, for trellises and as tub and bed plants. Young plants can be used for shaping pyramids from October to the end of December, and as ground covers from early January to mid-March.</p> <p>Of course we also sell half-finished plants and finished plants. However, production will in these cases only be started on the basis of orders, so please place your order as early as possible.</p> <p>We advise against using these plants for making trees.</p>
Potting:	<p>Ground covers: 12/13 cm pot, weeks 1 - 12, (final spacing: min. 22 plants/m²);</p> <p>pyramids: 19 - 26 cm pots, weeks 40 - 52, pots with 3 to 4 plants each; from 3rd week after planting at the latest a support is required, e.g. 3 bamboo poles or 2 bamboo bows of a length of 60 to 90 cm. The upper ends of the poles are held together by a wire or ring. The shoots are fixed to the poles by means of plant clips or bast. This work needs to be repeated once or twice a month until the plant is sold.</p>
Substrate:	<p>Well-drained, loose substrate (with increased white peat portion) or standard soil of type 2 (type T).</p> <p>N: 200 - 275 mg/l P: 130 - 200 mg/l K: 300 - 350 mg/l pH: 5.8 - 6.2 EC: 1.0 - 1.3 mS</p>
Fertilization:	<p>We recommend regular liquid fertilization with max. 1.3 g/l.</p>
Temperature:	<p>16 to 18°C</p>
Flowering:	<p>From early April. At the time flowering starts, the growth height of the plants on the pyramid stand is 50 to 70 cm.</p>
Growth regulators / pinching:	<p>Antik varieties grow without regulators and develop long internodia. The plants may not be lopped / pinched.</p>
Diseases / pest:	<p>Water balance is of importance; the plants must not stand too wet, danger of botrytis, damage to roots and irregular plant build-up are the consequences.</p>

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