

## CULTURE ADVICE

### Chamaesyce

<b>Description:</b>	'Diamond Frost' baffles by its untiring flower production, adaptability and wide spectrum of use.
<b>Potting:</b>	From 12 cm pots: weeks 6 - 10 for sale as from late in April/early may. 25 cm hanging baskets (3 young plants/basket); weeks 4 - 8. Later cultivation is also possible.
<b>Substrate:</b>	Well-drained, loose substrates (also possible are mixtures for poinsettia). pH approx. 5.5
<b>Fertilization:</b>	Moderately consumptive, apply 0.2 - 0.3 % complete fertilizer once a week. Temporary dryness of the root ball is tolerated, but it is better to keep it permanently wet. Prefer to maintain a dry environment especially at the beginning of cultivation.
<b>Temperature:</b>	After potting, cultivate at 18-22 °C HT. Since sudden cold air flows or draught air may lead to the falling of leaves and leaf yellowing, avoid major temperature fluctuations! Hardened plants tolerate much lower temperatures (down to 5 °C).
<b>Light:</b>	Full light, no shadow.
<b>Flowering:</b>	Starts soon after potting but does not keep pace with build-up and branching. Ready-to-sell potted ware is available after approx. 8 weeks.
<b>Growth regulators:</b>	Lopping or: Regalis 0,25 %, Caramba 0,05 %, Cycocel 720 0,15 %
<b>Pinching:</b>	1 to 2 weeks after potting or immediately in case of a suitable young plant size. However, if branching is not satisfactory, some trimming or shaping is recommended, and is possible any time without any problems.
<b>Diseases / pest:</b>	Botrytis, spider mites, take hygienic measures!

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.

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