

Culture Advice Helichrysum stoechas

Curry plant, shrubby everlasting

Description:	Combines well with other sun- and half shadow-loving varieties. Growth vigour and power of displacement of <i>Helichrysum petiolare</i> should not be underestimated; preferably use only a few small plants for combinations.
Potting:	10 to 12 cm pot, calendar weeks 7 to 14.
Substrate:	Loose, porous. pH approx. 5.5
Fertilization:	Moderate; apply a balanced multi-nutrient fertilizer (0.1 to 0.2 %) once or twice a week.
Temperature:	Cultivation at 10 to 15 °C from start to end.
Light:	Cultivate in full light, no shadow.
Flowering:	Produces no or only sparse flowers under (our) local conditions; purely decorative leaf plant.
Growth regulators:	Apply max. 2 x Topflor 0.05 %; Moddus 0.1 %.
Pinching:	Pinch 1 to 2 weeks after potting, or immediately in case of suitable young plant sizes. Further lopping or shaping is recommended to get a better plant build-up.
Diseases and pest:	Examine for, and control, white fly, plant lice and miner flies at an early time. <i>Helichrysum</i> is also susceptible to various fungal diseases: <i>Verticillium</i> , downy mildew, <i>Myrothecium</i> ; take hygienic measures.
Information for users:	Information should be given on the considerable demand for water and fertilizer.