

CULTURE ADVICE

Nemesia

Description:	The twinspurs of the Sunsatia™ series are differentiated into hanging and upright types. Ideal plant for hanging baskets, balcony flower boxes, vessels and in beds exposed to full sunlight. The abundance of flowers can be admired until early August.
Potting:	11 - 12 cm pots; 40 - 25 plants/m ² , weeks 6 - 12 17 cm container, 20 - 25 cm hanging baskets with 3 plants each, 18 - 9 plants/m ²
Substrate:	Well-drained, loose substrate with perlite or the like for good draining, pH approx. 5.5
Fertilization:	Moderately consumptive, increased iron demand, weekly liquid fertilization with a 0.15 to 0.25 % complete fertilizer.
Temperature:	Start at 16 °C, lower to 10 to 12 °C after 2 to 3 weeks. Direct potting at low temperatures (10 °C) is also possible. Cool, bright-light cultivation conditions will improve the quality. The cultivation period will then be 2 to 3 weeks longer.
Light:	Full light, no shadow
Flowering:	Approx. 6 - 8 weeks after potting, e.g. mid-April when potted in mid-February.
Growth regulators:	Tilt 0.025 - 0.05 % or Topflor 0.05 %. Caution! Damage may occur when Caramba is used.
Pinching:	Approximately one week after potting or immediately in case of a suitable young plant size. More lopping and shaping is possible any time without any problems.
Diseases / pest:	We recommend a preventive fungicide treatment (watering) against soil-borne fungi after potting and a rigorous thrips control during cultivation because all SUNSATIA™ varieties are very susceptible to Tospoviruses. Affected plants show leaf necrosis and need to be immediately removed from the stock. Take hygienic measures! Moreover, botrytis may occur and - under extreme heat conditions - powdery mildew.

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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