

Cultural Details: **Anemone Mona Lisa**

A cut flower crop for Autumn-Winter cropping under moderate temperatures, which can also be produced as a pot plant with suitable growth regulator application.

Programming the Crop

Sow March-early May for cropping from October to the following March.

Propagation and Growing-on

Using plug trays, sow the small seeds (1850 per gram) onto the surface of a free-draining, open, seed sowing compost, which should be thoroughly wetted with a suitable fungicide prior to sowing (to prevent damping-off diseases), and the trays allowed to drain. *Note: Seed has been 'de-fuzzed' to make it easier to sow.* Cover the seeds lightly with vermiculite, and cover trays with clear or milky polythene to maintain humidity, until the first seedlings are visible. Keep the germinating seedlings moist at all times.

Germination will occur after around 2 weeks at 18-21 °C, and plants should be ready for transfer into large celled trays in about 8 weeks from sowing. As they are relatively slow growing, it is possible that peat flies may move into the compost – spray accordingly, according to the manufacturer's guidelines.

Once the plants have filled the modules (in around 6 weeks), they are ready for

Either... as Cut Flower Crop:

...planting out, at 25 x 15cm spacing. Keep well shaded during the Summer months, and feed well with a medium Nitrogen and Potassium fertilizer, changing to a higher Nitrogen fertilizer once the plants are well established. From September remove all shading and maintain a minimum night temperature of 6-8 °C. Try to keep the foliage as dry as possible to avoid problems with Botrytis.

Or... as Container Plants:

..potting up into 10cm pots. Feed well with a liquid feed programme once the roots are visible at the base of the pot. Avoid ammonium-based fertilizers.

To achieve a compact habit suitable for sale as a pot plant, apply the growth regulator Bonzi according to the manufacturer's guidelines – contact your chemical supplier for full details.

Information provided for guidance only, as cultural practices and climatic circumstances vary.