

CULTURE ADVICE

Asteriscus

- Description:** Asteriscus can be favourably combined with other consumptive, sun-tolerant bed and balcony plants of medium growth.
- Potting:** 10 to 12 cm pots; cold cultivation: weeks 43 to 48; normal cultivation: weeks 2 to 8.
- Substrate:** Loose substrate of type 2 (with clay portion), pH approx. 6
- Fertilization:** Very consumptive; apply a complete fertilizer once a week (0.2 to 0.3 %).
- Temperature:** Start at 16 to 18 °C, continue after approx. 2 weeks at 12 to 14 °C (cold cultivation: lower to 5 °C for 5 to 6 weeks, finish at 12 to 14 °C).
- Light:** Cultivate in full light, no shadow!
- Flowering:** From 22nd week depending on light conditions (if no extra light is used).
- Growth regulators:** Growth regulation is not necessary.
- Pinching:** Pinching is not absolutely necessary.
- Diseases / pest:** Downy mildew, botrytis, plant lice, miner flies; 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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