

## Culture Advice

## Plectranthus fruticosus

### Spurflower

<b>Description:</b>	Hanging basket and balcony box plant with long twines and roundish, mottled leaves, available in two kinds. Can be easily combined with other sun- and half shadow-loving varieties. Growth vigour and power of displacement of Plectranthus should not be underestimated; preferably use only a few small plants for combinations. Users should be informed on the plant's substantial demand for water and fertilizer.
<b>Potting:</b>	10 to 12 cm pots, calendar weeks 7 to 13. 20 to 25 cm hanging baskets, calendar weeks 3 to 10.
<b>Substrate:</b>	Porous, loose substrate with perlite. pH 5 to 6
<b>Fertilization:</b>	High; apply a balanced multi-nutrient fertilizer (0.15 to 0.3 %) once or twice a week.
<b>Temperature:</b>	16 to 18 °C after potting for 3 to 4 weeks, then finish cultivation at 12 to 16 °C.
<b>Light:</b>	Cultivate in full light, no shadow.
<b>Flowering:</b>	Depends on light conditions; from ... (if no extra light is used).
<b>Growth regulators:</b>	Not necessary as the vigorous growth is desired.
<b>Pinching:</b>	1 to 2 weeks after potting or immediately in case of a suitable young plant size. If branching is not satisfactory, some trimming or shaping is recommended to get a better plant build-up.
<b>Diseases and pest:</b>	Botrytis, white fly, plant lice, miner flies; take hygienic measures. <b>Note the plant's sensitivity to several pesticides!</b> Make tests when you are not sure!

Water balance is of importance; the plants must be kept at a constant moisture level; temporary dryness of the root ball is poorly tolerated. Avoid excessive soil wetness as this may lead to root damage and irregular plant build-up.