

CULTURE ADVICE

Sanvitalia

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| Description: | The creeping zinnia is an excellent companion for other sun-loving bed and balcony plants. And it is a grateful plant that flowers on into autumn without the need for pruning. |
| Potting: | 10 - 12 cm pots; 65 - 42 plants/m ² ; calendar weeks 5 - 10 20 - 25 cm hanging baskets; 18 - 10 plants/m ² ; weeks 1 - 8. |
| Substrate: | Well draining substrate with clay portion; pH approx. 5 |
| Fertilization: | Moderately consumptive, add a 0.15 - 0.25 % complete fertilizer once a week. |
| Temperature: | Start at 16 - 18 °C, finish cultivation at 12 - 16 °C; Cool Morning and DIF result in very compact plants. Sanvitalia is suitable for cold cultivation to a limited degree only. |
| Light: | Full light, no shadow. |
| Flowering: | From mid-April depending on light conditions. |
| Growth regulators: | If necessary; Topflor 0.05 %; Caramba 0.075 - 0.1 %; Regalis 0.1 %. |
| Pinching: | Pinching is not absolutely necessary. However, if branching is not satisfactory, some trimming or shaping is recommended to get a better plant build-up. 1 to 2 weeks after potting or immediately in case of a suitable young plant size. |
| Diseases / pest: | 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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