



## Ageratum Planting Guide

### About Ageratum

Ageratum are an excellent choice for a bedding plant or cut flowers, ranging from 4-36" tall depending on the variety. They have a vigorous compact and dense growth habit and attract butterflies with their soft, fluffy blooms that range in various shades of blue, pink, and white.

### When to Plant

Sow seeds indoors 8-10 weeks before your last frost date. Seeds can be sown directly outdoors after your average last frost date; however, plants will not bloom until late summer or fall.

### Where to Plant

Ageratum prefer full sun but afternoon shade may be necessary in hotter regions. Rich, moist soil is best and these plants thrive in patio pots, other large containers, or along the border of your flower garden.

### How to Plant

Keep seeds in a cool place such as the refrigerator before planting. Mix organic fertilizer into the garden bed or container. Plant seeds approximately 1/8" deep, spacing the seeds 1/2" apart. Do not cover seeds, as direct light will assist in germination. Generally, germination takes 7-10 days at 75-80 degrees F. If starting seeds indoors, harden off and transplant, spacing plants 6-10" apart, after the danger of frost has passed and the first true leaves appear.

### Caring for Ageratum

If starting seeds indoors, be sure to bottom water or mist to avoid covering seeds with displaced soil. Keep plants constantly moist as they are getting established. After this, about 1" of water per week from rainfall and/or irrigation will keep them healthy. Some deadheading may be required to encourage new flowers. Cut back plants that look tired or that are outgrowing their space, they should re-bloom in 1-2 weeks.