

## Pansy know-how

## SHOPPING

Pansy plants should be compact and dark green. Avoid faded, stretched-out plants. even if they're on clearance. In fall, buy early—September or early Octoberbecause plants established later than this may not overwinter successfully.



## GROWING

Pansies are undemanding annuals, rarely experiencing pest or disease problems. They'll thrive in average garden soil with full sun and ample moisture. To ensure consistent flowering, scratch slow-release fertilizer into the soil and remove spent flowers, above. Overwintered pansies can sometimes attract hungry rabbits, so use a repellent spray if necessary. @

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