



Above: An up-close view of the flower of Plentifall Purple Wing Pansy. Left: Trailing pansies make nice hanging baskets for early spring color.

## Plentifall<sup>®</sup> Trailing Pansies

Pansies and violas are well known for their cold tolerance, one of the few plants that add color during times when little else can bloom. A new series, called Plentifall® Trailing Pansy now offers gardeners a cool-weather plant with an aggressive trailing habit, perfect for hanging baskets, raised flower beds, and large containers. The flowers in the Plentifall series are smaller than traditional pansies but larger than violas. They come in several colors, all with the same growth habit.

The Plentifall pansy's best season of color is March through June. Like other pansies and violas, they grow best in full sun. During a cold period below 25 F, place these plants in an unheated garage or shed for a few days until warmer weather arrives.

## **Quick Facts & Keys to Success**

Common Name: Plentifall® Trailing Pansies

Botanical Name: Viola x hybrida

Varieties: Plentifall® series

Color: Blue, purple, yellow and white

Blooming Period: March through June

Type: Cool-season annual

Size: 6 to 8 inches tall, 12 to 15 inches wide

Exposure: Full sun

When to Plant: February or March

Fertilizing: Slow-release fertilizer at time of planting.

Supplement with liquid fertilizer weekly.

In Your Landscape: Plant Plentifall pansies in the ground as an early-season ground cover, or grow in containers and hanging baskets for color when not much else is in bloom. Second

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