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(Matthiola sp.)

Small, many-petaled flowers on spikes. Plants 1 to 2 feet tall. Common color is deep blue, but rose, white, and pink also available.

Soil and Light

Full sun; partial shade in hot areas. Moist but well-drained soil.

Planting

Start 6 weeks early inside, or outside as soon as ground is worked. In warm climate, sow in fall.

Comments

Use in beds. Cut the heavily scented flowers for fresh arrangements.