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From Seed to Harvest: A beginner's guide to growing Ageratum

Ageratum is a fluffy, blue flower which is a native to Mexico. It most commonly grows in a petite form, and an excellent flower option for both a flower bed or to be planted along a border. They produce soft, round flowers in shades of blue, pink or white, although blue is the most common. Depending on the variety, Ageratum ranges in height from 6 to 24 inches.

To plant:

Ageratum can be planted as a seed, or it can be planted as a seedling and can sometimes be found in garden centers, If growing from a seed, plant Ageratum after the last frost and when the soil begins to warm up outside. Plant seeds 1/8 inch deep and 1/2 inch apart. If planting indoors, start 8 to 10 weeks before transplanting outdoors and plant with one seed per container in a seed tray. Do not cover the seeds because Ageratum requires light to germinate. After planting the seeds, lightly mist the soil.

To grow:

Ageratum grows best in a partially shaded area with well-drained soil. Typically, Ageratum are annual flowers but they sometimes come back as perennials. Be sure to water the flower regularly, at least until the plant becomes established, because this will ensure the plant blooms continually throughout its growing season. When blooming, be sure to deadhead the spent blooms to encourage more blooms to grow. In addition to adding unique colors to your garden, Ageratum brings along a large array of benefits, such as attracting



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butterflies, being drought tolerant once established and being deer resistant.

To harvest:

Ageratum blooms from spring to fall when it is taken care of correctly. The smaller, more compact varieties of Ageratum may not make the greatest option for cut flowers to add into a bouquet, but taller varieties do. When purchasing the seeds or seedlings at your local garden center, keep in mind the use you have planned for Ageratum and purchase the variety accordingly.

What Ageratum craves:

Ageratum can benefit from some light fertilization. Prior to planting the seeds, amend the soil with a low dose of a balanced fertilizer. To continue stimulation of growth in the midsummer, you can provide the plants with a liquid plant food. This will encourage new growth in the middle of the Ageratum's growing season. Typically, Ageratum plants are not fussy or difficult to grow.



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