

# ***Viola wittrockiana*** **Inspire® Purple & Orange**

Pansy

## **Culture guide**

### **Uses:**

For landscape, bedding, mixed containers in spring and fall

### **Exposure:**

Sun - Partial shade

### **Garden height:**

5" / 13 cm

### **Crop time:**

25-26 weeks

### **Sow time:**

According to geographical location and light intensity (north earlier, south later) the sowing time varies around approx. 20 days. Autumn flowering: early-mid July, grow as cool as possible; Spring flowering indoors frostfree: end August-mid September; Spring flowering unheated polytunnel: early August-early September

### **Sowing method:**

1 seed per plug

### **Germination:**

Stage I+II: 14 -21 days at 59-64 °F (15-18 °C),  
Stage III+IV: 14-21 days at 54-61 °F (12-16 °C).  
In media with very low soluble salt levels and pH: 5.2-6.2. Cover seed with vermiculite after sowing. Keep soil slightly moist but not wet. Avoid direct sunlight by shading seed after sowing. Temperatures above 64 °F (18 °C) will inhibit the germination.

### **Growing On:**

3-5 weeks after sowing transplant 1 plant into a pot (8-10 cm / 3-4") or packs. The water and nutrition supply can be controlled better in large pots.

### **Media:**

Use a well-drained, growing substrate, pH: 5.5-6.2.

### **Temperature:**

Grow at 10-15 °C (50-59 °F) or outdoors. Cultivate as cold as possible for a good compact growth. Temperatures above 12 °C (64 °F) are a cause for stretching of shoots. In winter indoors frost free at 2-5 °C (36-41 °F) or outdoors. Outdoors fleece cover needed. In January the plants start to grow at 8-10 °C (46-50 °F).

### **Fertilization:**

Low fertilization levels are required. The roots are sensitive to high salt levels in substrates.