



African Violet

PLEASE NOTE: These seeds are extremely small.

African violets require specific soil conditions for optimal growth. A natural, organic seed starting mix is recommended. Such mixes are available at local garden centers or through online retailers. Prepare a nutrient solution by combining one gallon of water (distilled preferred) with $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon of granular fertilizer. Select a fertilizer with balanced NPK ratios, such as 1-1-1 or 15-15-15 — the specific values are less important than ensuring all three numbers are equal or nearly equal. This fertilization step is essential, as African violet seeds will germinate without added nutrients but will fail to develop meaningful growth. These plants are native to regions with nutrient-rich soils; without fertilization, seedlings may remain stunted or perish.

Moisten the soil mixture prior to sowing. Ensure even moisture throughout — neither overly dry nor saturated. Smooth the soil surface with a spoon.

Open the seed packet carefully over a white sheet of paper, as the seeds are nearly microscopic. Transfer seeds onto the paper and fold it into a cone shape, allowing controlled distribution over the prepared soil. One seed per pot is recommended. To achieve this precision, isolate individual seeds on the paper before tapping. Do not cover seeds with soil. Cover pots with plastic wrap to maintain humidity. Monitor soil moisture regularly, watering from below by placing pots in a shallow tray of water and allowing absorption through the drainage holes.

Maintain temperatures between 70°F and 80°F. If outdoor conditions permit consistent temperatures within this range, place pots in morning sun (eastern exposure). For indoor cultivation, position in a south-facing window or under grow lights. When using artificial lighting, maintain a broad-spectrum source 9-12 inches above the soil surface on a 12-hour on/off cycle.

Condensation should appear on the plastic wrap within 24-48 hours. If absent, increase moisture by bottom-watering or misting the surface. Seedlings typically emerge within 2-3 weeks. Upon emergence, remove the plastic wrap. Outdoor plants require eastern exposure (morning sun). Indoor plants benefit from southern exposure. Never allow the soil to dry completely. Self-watering containers designed for this species are recommended for ongoing care.



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Seed Storage Guidelines

For delayed planting, proper storage ensures seed viability. Seeds require cool, dark, and dry conditions. Retain seeds in the food-grade plastic bag provided, place the bag inside a sealed glass jar, and cover with an opaque bag or material to block light. Ideal storage locations include basements or refrigerators. Refrigeration is essential for certain species, including poppies. Under proper conditions, most seeds remain viable for 1-5 years, depending on species.

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