



## *Himalayan Blue Poppy*

You will want to plant these when temperatures are 45 degrees or less so that they don't sprout prematurely and perish in winter. In the meantime, place the baggie in a sealed mason jar and then a paper bag to block light and put them in your refrigerator to keep them as fresh as possible.

You can plant these in pots or directly in the ground. For pots, fill the pots with pre-moistened potting soil and scatter the seeds on top of the soil. Cover with a light layer of sand. Place the pots in an area that receives part shade and allows them to be exposed to freezing and thawing cycles. The seeds will emerge in spring, when temperatures are just right for them. After the seedling are a few inches tall, transplant them where desired in your garden by spacing them 12-18 inches apart.

For in ground planting, choose a site that receives part shade and is well draining, these do not like full sun or wet feet. Clear an area of weeds and amend the soil with organic compost, garden soil or both and perlite to help with drainage and then water the area first. Moistening the area is really designed to keep the seeds in place more than give them water. Plant the seeds by pressing them into the soil so that the seeds are covered with about an 1/8<sup>th</sup> inch of soil. This will help protect them from freezing temperatures. Plant the seeds 12-18 inches apart. Water the soil with a hose on the mist setting so that the seeds are not dislodged and concentrated in one area. You will not need to water them again until spring. When temperatures rise to 55 degrees in early spring, begin



watering the pots or the area. They will not likely germinate until temperatures reach around 70 but you will want to keep the area moist but not wet during this time. These can take some time to sprout as they will germinate when temperatures are just right for them.

They may or may not bloom in the first season. As fall approaches again, they will go dormant. Mulch the area and they will return in spring.

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Happy Planting!

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#### A NOTE ON SEED STORAGE IF YOU ARE NOT PLANTING RIGHT AWAY:

The key for seed storage is cool, dark and dry. If your temperatures are not quite right for planting, you can keep the seeds viable by keeping them in the food-grade plastic bag they were shipped in. The bag should then be placed in a sealed mason jar, then covered with a paper bag to block light. A basement would be an ideal storage area, or alternatively a refrigerator (this is a must for poppies), until you are ready to plant. This can be done with most all seeds and will keep them viable for 1-5 years depending on the species.

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