# **How to Grow Black Eyed Susan Flowers**

#### Perennial

Black Eyed Susan is a big, bold show-off in mid-summer. These stately wildflowers, look great in fields and meadows, and better still in clumps around your yard and flower gardens. Natives of North America, Black - Eyed Susan put on a long lasting show over an extended blooming period.

Black-Eyed Susan is also known as "Gloriosa Daisy" in yellow, orange, and gold colors with a black center, or "eye". It is very easy to grow perennial, requiring little attention. They have a daisy shape.

Black Eyed Susan grows 2-3 feet tall on long stems. They are excellent in vases and arrangements as cut flowers.

## **Propagation:**

Black-Eyed Susan can be started from seed. If started early in the spring, you may get blooms the first year. Sow seeds directly seeded into your flower garden as soon as the soil can be worked in the spring.

Plants can also be propagated by separation, or division, after two or three years. Dig up a clump, and divide it into three or four smaller clumps. Then, replant them. Water them well after replanting.

#### **How to Grow Black Eyed Susan:**

Grow Black-Eyed Susan in full sun. If grown in flower gardens, space 1 to 1/12 feet apart. Most growers and homeowners find them most attractive grown in clumps. They tolerate crowding well.

They will do well in average soils and even poor soils. They are also tolerant of dry soil conditions. Water them during extended dry periods.

Adding little fertilizer a couple times a season will reward you with bigger, healthier plants and flowers.

Once your Black Eyed Susan's are established, they will grow well unattended. Separate the clumps after a few years, or the plants will crowd each other out, resulting in smaller plants and flowers.

### **Insect and Disease:**

Insect and disease problems are infrequent. If insect or disease problems occur, treat early with insecticides, repellents, or fungicide.