

Hostas



Do's

- Position them in shade to help brighten up a dark corner
- Apply some form of slug protection in February to help protect them, organic pellets work well before eggs are laid
- Divide and replant them every 4-5 years
- Water in new plants well to establish a strong root system and lots of leaves
- Feed them with Vitax Q4 to encourage healthy foliage & flowers during Summer
- Mix in organic matter when you plant
- Combine white variegated and green leaved varieties in white colour schemes

Don'ts

- Position them in full sun as this can burn their leaves, morning sun is fine (East)
- Just dot them around as drifts of the same variety has a great impact
- Just pot them up in multipurpose compost, in a pot use John Innes No.3
- Forget to water them in dry spells
- Just grow them in the ground, they are one of the best plants for pots out there, then you have the flexibility of being able to change their position
- Worry about frost protection as they are fully frost hardy left outside

"Gardeners learn by trowel and error....."

How To Grow Them



POSITION

Hostas love to be out of direct afternoon sunshine so their leaves don't get burnt. They are very easy and can grow in the ground or in pots and containers and can be left for many years undisturbed



SOIL

They will thrive in a normal soil, they will happily grow in clay soils and also a moist soil, so just not in standing water or in dust dry conditions. For filling a pot just use John Innes No.3 compost and they will be happy



PROPAGATION

They can be lifted out of the ground with a fork, and then cut up into clumps with either a spade or an old saw. This can be done after cutting back in the Autumn or in the Spring. Water well after replanting



SLUGS&SNAILS

Apply organic slug pellets in mid February before they have chance to lay eggs around the garden, timing is essential. Then re-apply in June and also in September. Copper strips help deter them from pot plants.

Different Types



MINIATURES

There's a delightful range of tiny varieties available with some having leaves no larger than a 50pence piece! Perfect for a fairy garden, small feature pot. Very collectable!



VARIEGATED

With either yellow or white stripes around the edge of the leaves or through the middle of the leaves, great for foliage interest and standing out amongst other green plants



BLUE

There's some giant blue varieties available and many medium ones, plants with smooth leaves or puckered foliage. Position them out of direct sunlight to help keep the colouring looking its best



GOLDEN

The golden leaved varieties really stand out, give them a little morning sunshine to help enhance their colour, some varieties have lovely contrasting purple flowers



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