

# Grower's Facts

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## Cape Daisy

*Osteospermum ecklonis*  
Akila® Grand Canyon Mix F1



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**PLANTATION:** Sow the seeds 6 weeks before the last frost. Keep the temperature between 18–20 °C. Germination time is between 7–10 days. It is recommended to cover the seedling with coarse vermiculite to maintain moisture around the seed and thus improve germination performance. Keep the light level as high as possible. Keep the substrate neither too dry nor too wet.

**SOIL: Indoor:** A well-drained, porous sowing media is best to prevent overwatering.

**Outdoor:** Well-drained soil.

### PLANTING:

**Step 1:** plow the soil about 30 cm (12 inches). Add an equal part of potting soil and mix well. Dig a hole approximately the same length as the container and about 1 ½ to 3 times the width.

**Step 2:** slightly squeeze the container, tap out the plant, and delicately free the roots. If the roots are too dense, liberate the fibers by inserting a knife or a transplanter. Separate the roots carefully, and then place in the hole.

\* **Good to know:** Use an organic bone meal or a «soil activator» when transplanting to stimulate root development. Follow the instructions for use on the package.

Fill up the hole with garden soil. Slightly press the soil around the base of the plant to favor the contact between the roots and the soil. Water regularly every 2 or 3 days until the soil is well compacted.

**Note:** *Osteospermum* does as well in the ground as in container's, in medium garden soil, to which you will add sand if your soil is heavy. It needs a sunny exposure and a well-draining soil (which does not retain water). It grows without special maintenance. Simply water in hot weather. Remove faded flowers as you go to stimulate flowering.