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## loriosa Daisy Rudbeckia hirta Autumn Colors

**PLANTATION:** Sow the seeds 6 weeks before the last frost. Keep the temperature between 22 and 24 °C. Germination time is between 8 and 14 days. Sow 2-3 seeds per cell, can be sown directly in 11 cm (4.5 ") pots.

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

Outdoor: Dry 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  $1 \frac{1}{2}$  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. Fallow 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:** Drought tolerant, this plant is ideal for planting in very dry soil. In too rich soil, it will do more leaves than flowers, it also attracts bees, butterflies, birds, is easy to grow, and regular removal of faded flowers will significantly prolong the flowering period.