Stokesia (Stokes' Aster)

30ct Plug

Container:
Trade 1 Gallon Container
Finish:
7-9 weeks
When To Plant:
Late winter to spring

72ct Plug

Container:
Trade 1 Gallon Container
Finish:
10-12 weeks
When To Plant:
Late summer to early fall or late winter to spring
Notes:
If planting late summer to early fall, bulk and overwinter for following spring sales.

Growing Temperature:

60-70° F days / 55-60° F nights

Soil pH:

5.5-6.2

Fertility:

Feed 125 - 150 ppm N at each watering.

For Controlled Release or Slow Release Fertilizer, see your preferred supplier for recommended rates for incorporation or top dressing, as it varies by fertilizer.

Potting and Timing:

Use well-drained media to keep plants from remaining too wet. Small plugs can be planted late summer to bulk prior to vernalization.

Planting Level:

Top of plug should be level with the soil line.

Lighting:

Stokesia flower quicker under long day conditions. High light levels are best.

Holding Temperature:

50-60° F

EC Level:

1-1.25 pour through method

Vernalization:

Not all varieties require vernalization, but will lower well under a wider range of light intensities and photoperiods following a cold treatment. It is recommended to provide at least 10 weeks of temperatures below 45° F.

Pests and Diseases:

Generally pest free. Avoid overwatering as it may lead to crown or root rot.

Moisture:

Keep soil evenly moist, avoiding excessively dry or wet media.

PGRs/Pinching:

Often not required, but if needed sprays of 2000 ppm Daminozide/1000 ppm Cycocel or Daminozide alone at 5000 ppm are effective.

Growth regulator rates are suggestions but may vary due to time of year, region and water quality. Trialing is always recommended before applying to an entire crop.

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