



Helianthus annuus

# Soraya

Item no.: HA0301R



- Lateral branching
- Thick and sturdy stems
- Intense, golden flower color
- Flower size up to 6" (15 cm)

Crop Time	Spring: 10 - 12 weeks
Height ∅	61 " / 155 cm
Flower Size Ø	5 " / 13 cm
Exposure	Sun
Seed Form	Raw Seed
Best Uses	Bedding, Cutflower



# **CULTURE GUIDE**

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## Usage

Plants for bedding, cut flower production

#### Sow time

Indoor forcing: March-August, sowing in intervals; Outdoor forcing: April-Mid July

# Sowing method

1-2 seeds per plug, sowing directly into field is recommended

#### Germination

Field: 10-15 days at 15 °C, Greenhouse: Stage I: 5-10 days at 21-24 °C, Stage II: 5-8 days at 18-20 °C, Stage III and IV: 7-14 days at 15-17 °C, in media with low soluble salt levels and pH: 5.5-6.2. Cover seed with vermiculite, sand or substrate after sowing. Keep soil slightly moist but not wet. Field: sow the seeds 3-4 cm deep.

# **Growing on**

Plant cut flowers in 5-10x40-70 cm space, approximately 30-35 plants per m<sup>2</sup>.

## Media

Field: Before sowing treat substrate with herbicide or fight the weeds mechanically and fertilize the field. Greenhouse: Use a well-drained, growing substrate with 15-30 % clay, 1-3 kg/m² complete balanced fertilizer, 0-2 kg/m² slow release fertilizer

(3-6 months), Fe-chelate, micronutrients, pH: 5.5-6.2.

#### Temperature

Field: cultivation is possible from April onwards. Grow at 15-18 °C. Cultivate flowering plants not below 12 °C. Helianthus plants do not tolerate frost.

# **Fertilization**

Field: N min soil value: approximately 150 g/m<sup>2</sup>. Greenhouse: High fertilization levels are required.

 $Stage\ I\ Starts\ with\ the\ radicle\ breaking\ through\ the\ testa.\ The\ roots\ are\ touching\ the\ medium.\ Ends\ with\ fully\ developed\ cotyledons.$ 

 $Stage\ II\ Starts\ from\ fully\ developed\ cotyledons.\ Ends\ with\ the\ fully\ developed\ true\ leaf\ pair.$ 

 $Stage\ III\ Starts\ from\ the\ fully\ developed\ true\ leaf\ or\ true\ leaf\ pair\ and\ ends\ with\ 80\%\ of\ the\ young\ plants\ being\ marketable.$ 

Stage IV All young plants are ready for sale and in the process of being hardened off. This stage lasts about 7 days.

The cultural recommendations are based on results from trials conducted under Central European conditions. Different conditions in other parts of the world may lead to deviations in results achieved.



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