

Your Ideal Gladioli

"These gladioli will make their presence felt in your garden with their statuesque spikes of flower in a range of lovely colours. Enjoy them in your garden every summer, but don't forget to cut a few stems to display indoors"

This collection boasts three amazing varieties:

'Lux' – yellow, rose and violet 'Milka' - lavender 'Rose Supreme' - salmon

On arrival

Ideally, plant your gladioli bulbs (technically known as corms) as soon as possible, as long as the ground isn't frozen or waterlogged. Don't worry if planting is delayed store corms in a dark, cool and frost-free place until you are ready.

Where to grow

Gladioli prefer well-drained, neutral to slightly acidic soil and a really sunny spot – they are great in beds and borders or grown in rows for cut flowers. Corms can be planted anytime from late March until the end of spring.

Planting in the ground

Plant corms 15cm (6in) deep and 15cm (6in) apart – spread some sharp sand in the bottom of holes to help with drainage.

Planting in pots

Gladioli look wonderful in containers filled with good quality compost (our Professional Compost is ideal). Five corms would be ideal in a 30cm (12in) wide container.

Growing on

- Water plants during dry spells.
- If your garden is windy, use canes to support plants.
- Feed every fortnight with a liquid fertiliser high in potash when the flower spike appears.
- Dead head individual flowers as they start to fade, then cut the entire stalk to ground level when there are no more blooms left.

Winter care

If you live in a mild part of the country or have a sheltered garden, cover the corms with a 7.5cm (3in) blanket of garden compost to keep them snug over winter. Otherwise, lift corms from the ground when leaves turn brown. Snap off the foliage, dry them and store in a frost-free place until next spring.

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Position Sun Flowering time July-August Height 1.2-1.5m (4-5ft) Spread 10-20cm (4-8in) Soil Well drained Hardiness Hardy

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