

# FACT SHEET

## PANSY JOKER MIX/ VIOLA

Winter-flowering Pansies and Violas can always provide a vivid splash of colour during the gloomy winter months. Traditionally a Pansy has bigger flowers with markings that look like a 'face' however with modern breeding the term "Pansy" and "Viola" are almost interchangeable.

Best time to sow:	Refer to packet of seed for best time to plant
Best in:	Flower beds, borders, pots, hanging baskets
Where to grow:	Full sun or partly shaded areas
Time to flowering:	16 weeks
Recipe Ideas:	Raw in salads, crystallised pansies, cake decoration



### PLANTING TIPS

- Sow into trays of **Yates® Seed Raising Mix** then cover well to create a dark environment for germination. Firm down, water gently then keep moist
- Seeds are slow to germinate and may take 21-28 days
- Transplant seedlings out when they are large enough to handle
- Pansies/Violas love to grow in a sunny spot but should be protected from hot afternoon sun.
- Prepare soil by digging in some **Yates® Dynamic Lifter® Organic Plant Food**.

### GROWING GUIDELINES

- Help keep soil around plants moist with a layer of organic
- Apply **Yates® Thrive® Roses & Flowers Liquid Plant Food** fortnightly to encourage more flowers.
- Try cutting them back during a hot summer as they may bounce back and bloom again in autumn.

### CARE TIPS

- Deadheading (picking spent flowers) to prolong flowering period
- Not just a pretty; pansies/viola flowers are both edible, add colour to salads and are fun to crystallise for cake decorating.
- Kids just love picking Pansies/Violas for posies, hiding the flowers behind them with a cheeky smile which says "I picked a present for you" )