



## *African Violet*

Thank you for your order!

HEADS UP: These seeds are TINY.

African violets are fussy about soil. I recommend Jiffy Natural and Organic Seed starting mix. You can sometimes find it locally, or you can get it on Amazon or other online retailers. Mix 1 gallon of water (preferably distilled) with ¼ teaspoon of granular fertilizer, (choose one with a balance of NPK, such as 1-1-1 or 15-15-15, make sure all the numbers are the same or close. The value of the number is not important, but rather that they are all the same.) This is really important as the seeds will germinate without fertilizer, but will do next to nothing in growth without fertilizer as they are native to areas with very rich soils.

They will just remain tiny or may even die. Wet the soil mixture **BEFORE** adding seeds. Make sure it is evenly moist, not too dry or wet. Smooth the top of the surface with a spoon.

Open the packet carefully and make sure to do it over a white sheet of paper. The seeds are literal specks. Sprinkle the seed on the paper and fold it into a cone shape so you can tap the paper over the pots of soil, in order to sprinkle them evenly. I do one seed per pot. You may want to make sure there is only one seed on the paper at a time, in order to do this. **DO NOT COVER THE SEEDS WITH ANY SOIL, AT ALL.** Cover the pots with saran wrap. Keep soil moist, but not wet. The saran wrap will help keep the soil moist, but check periodically and water the pots from the bottom, by placing them in a tray of water and allow the water to soak into the soil.

Make sure temperatures are between 70 and 80. Place the pots in morning sun outdoors, (if temperatures are between 70 and 80, both day and night) or put them in a southern facing window or under grow lights, using a broad spectrum light that is 9-12 inches from the soil surface. If using grow lights, use a 12 on, 12 off cycle.

You should see condensation on the saran wrap within a day or two. If you don't, the soil is not moist enough. Water from the bottom and/or mist the top. The seedlings will emerge in 2-3 weeks. Once they emerge, remove the wrap. If growing outdoors, morning sun (eastern facing) is



a must. If growing indoors, southern facing is strongly recommended. Never let the soil dry out. I use the African violet pots that are self-watering. Enjoy!

#### A NOTE ON SEED STORAGE IF YOU ARE NOT PLANTING RIGHT AWAY:

The key for seed storage is cool, dark and dry. If your temperatures are not quite right for planting, you can keep the seeds viable by keeping them in the food-grade plastic bag they were shipped in. The bag should then be placed in a sealed mason jar, then covered with a paper bag to block light. A basement would be an ideal storage area, or alternatively a refrigerator (this is a must for poppies), until you are ready to plant. This can be done with most all seeds and will keep them viable for 1-5 years depending on the species.

My seeds, bulbs and bare root plants are guaranteed to provide you with a decent yield. If you are dissatisfied with your order for any reason or the seeds don't sprout, please message me before leaving a review and I will provide advice, replace or refund. I truly care about my customers and my plants!

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have.  
Happy Planting!  
Kimberly

