

PANSY SEEDS may be planted in spring as well as late summer and the resulting plants will start to flower as those sown in August have passed their peak. Best to use for spring

Spring-Sown Pansies For Summer Blooms

While most gardeners plant with fine soil or milled While most gardeners plant with time seeds of pansies in August sphagnum: sphagnum: sphagnum spot seeds in dexpect flowers in early spring, pansies also may be started from seeds sown in the earliest spring, indoors of course, and will then flower in summer.

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Pansy seeds are so tiny that there are 25,000 of them in a single ounce. They need shade and a cool temperature to sprout so choose a cool room and a northern exposure for them in your home.

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Use finely seived soil, milled sphagnum moss or some other fine-textured growing mixture in which to sow seeds. Barely cover them

Keep seeds moist with a fine spray of water and in 10 days they should sprout.

AS SOON AS seedlings are handleable move any that are crowded to allow them room to develop. Transplant them outdoors from a flat or from individual pots as soon as plants are large enough and soil is workable.

about the time that fall-sown pansies finish blossoming. While seed, of any type or variety of pansy may be spring-sown, the best for summer bloom are first generation hybrids, notably the Majestic Giants strain. These are available in mixed or separate colors.

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Their advantages are earlier bloom (a full two weeks ahead of most other hybrids), heat tolerance so that they continue to flower when warm weather arrives, and hybrid vigor that keeps plants growing and flower buds forming despite heat.



OLD-TIME CEDAR ---The 4x8-foot panels from Masonite feature a weath ered look Two horizontal strips, bounded at one edge by a vertical plant, plus textured nail replicas add to the "pioneer" look



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February Ideal For Grape Pruning

EAST LANSING to growing high p quality grapes smaller crop the next. The secret to growing high yields of top quality grapes each and every year is pruning, say horticulturists at Michigan State University.

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According to the experts the
yield of next year's crop will
depend on the vigor of the vine
growth this year. In general,
the more cane growth that a
vine produces this year, the
larger the potential yield of
fruit next year.
However, the
fruit crop next year, the
smaller the amount of growth
the following year. A cycle is

How To Grow Citrus Plants

Do you want an interesting and different ornamental indoor plant this whiter? Dr. Harold Davidson, Michigan State to University her struss plant. Select an orange, lemon, lime, tangerine or grapefruit plant. The Otaheite and Calamondin oranges, and Ponderosa and Meyer lemons are dwarf types that flower and bear fruit while very small.

small.

Light is essential to promote flowering. Davidson said. To bear fruit the flowers of a citrus plant must be crosspollinated. Use a small brush to transfer the pollen from one flower to the stigma of another.

flower to the stigma of another. Plants grow and develop fruits best at temperatures ranging from 50-70 degrees. Keep the soil moist. Use a potting mixture of equal parts of sand, garden loam and peat moss for good drainage. To prevent yellowing of the foliage use an acid growing medium (available at lawn and garden stores). Fertilize with a solution recommended for azaleas (adas ovailable at stores) during periods of active growth. Plants that lack vigor will not bear fruit.

Dad, Mom Need Hideaway

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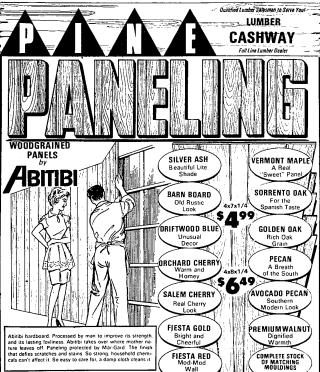
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