

# VIOLETS

## 1 SOWING YOUR SEEDS

From March sow violet seeds in seed trays in the greenhouse. Sprinkle them onto the compost and cover them with a thin layer of compost.

Put the seed trays into a water tray and let the compost draw up the water from below.

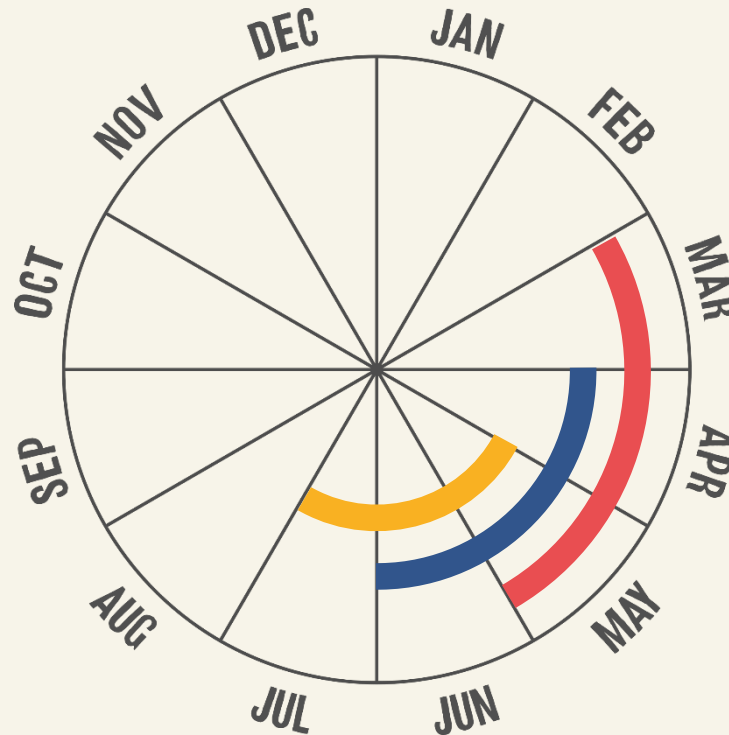
## 2 PLANTING OUT

When the violets have at least two true leaves and are large enough to handle, you can transplant them in to the raised bed.

Space them about 10cm apart from each other. Plant them in double rows so that you get a pretty front edge to your bed. Or you can plant them around the rest of your crops in the gaps.

## 3 HARVESTING

Both the leaves and the flowers are edible, and are great added to salads. Pinch off the leaves and flowers gently and make sure there are still 3-4 leaves left on the plant so there is enough for them to carry on growing.



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TIPS

Violet seeds take a while to germinate, so don't worry if they don't start growing for up to 20 days.

Keep removing the flowers and you'll be rewarded with more for months.