

TRAILING GERANIUMS



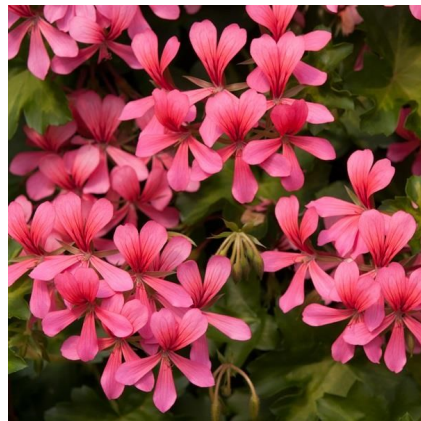
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Decora Rose

Trailing geraniums, also known as ivy leaf pelargonium, are fantastic grown in hanging baskets, troughs and planters. As the name suggests, they have a trailing habit, and this makes them very easy to grow. The varieties we have chosen are single flowers, which means they are particularly beneficial to bees and other insects as the nectar is easy for them to access.

Simply plant them in your chosen container, and allow them to grow as they wish, and water them regularly. As a suggestion, I usually plant 3 per 12" basket as this allows them space to grow without becoming over-crowded. It is a good idea to mix in some slow release fertilizer into the compost when you plant them.

The plants will trail up to 18", but if they get too leggy, simply pinch off the bits you don't want. To create a bushy plant it is a good idea to pinch out the growing tip in the earlier part of the season as this encourages the plant to branch out more. To keep your geraniums flowering for the longest possible time, simply snap the flower head off at the base, as this will encourage the plant to grow new flowers.