

Cultural Details: **Freesia**

Modern tetraploid Freesia varieties develop quickly from seed, to produce an even crop of superb blooms on long stems. Seed should be sown between April and June, for flowering from September to Spring.

Freesia seed (approx 80 per gram) should be sown at 21°C, into large modules or small pots, covered with compost to a depth of 1 cm and germinated in darkness, until signs of germination are visible. Do not allow compost to dry out. After germination reduce temperature to around 14°C. Cool, moist conditions are essential to keep growth sturdy. Feed developing young plants regularly.

Move outdoor plants into the greenhouse in September, giving maximum night temperature of 13°C in September and March/April, dropping this to 10°C from November to February. Support the plants with netting.

**Pests and Diseases**

Aphids cause discoloured leaves and weakened growth. Use suitable insecticide.  
Dry Rot black marks on corms - leaves yellow and rot. Destroy all affected corms.  
Fusarium Yellows. Yellowing of leaves. Zoned brown marks on corms. Destroy affected corms, and drench sound corms in suitable fungicide.  
Thrips. Cause silvering and stickiness on leaves. Spray with suitable insecticide.

*Information provided for guidance only, as cultural practices and climatic circumstances vary.*