

How I Grow My Violets

My Soil Mix: 2 parts Fox Farm Ocean Forest and 1 part perlite. I mix about 8 qts. at a time. To this mix I add 2 heaping Tbsp. Marathon 1% granules for bug prevention. It will last for 3 months in the soil.



Watering: I water from the top. Frequency varies with all aspects of growing conditions. A larger pot will need watering less, a rootbound plant may need it more, if the soil is heavy or light, in summer they need more watering than in winter (here in Wisconsin). Because of this, I feel the top of the soil before adding water, if it is dry on top & a little below, then I water. My potted plants are in pans but on grids so they are never standing in the water that flows through the pot. That water provides humidity around the plants. The biggest cause of losing a violet is overwatering.

We have four seasons here which is why wick watering doesn't work for me. The number of strands of yarn would need to be changed for each season so they don't stay too wet or too dry.

I like to say 'know your violets to grow your violets'. A limp plant from being too dry can be revived easily with small amounts of water - too much given to dry roots will rot them. If a plant is limp & the soil is still wet or damp, it is in the early stages of root rot & does not need more water! Set the pot on paper toweling to absorb the excess water & then place in a clear bag.

I use 2 gallon clear bags from Amazon - the size for small garbage cans.

Fertilizer: Dyna-Gro 7-9-5. I mix ¼ tsp. per gallon of water for every watering. I found this to work the best for my variegated varieties. Too much fertilizer can cause them to get brown edges on the leaves. Once a month I flush through with plain water.

Light: For natural light, east or west windows are good. South with filtered light, north for those varieties that like low light. I also use fluorescent lights, T8 cool white about 10"-12" from top of plants to lights, 8-10 hours per day.

Repotting: Standards - repot about every 9-12 months. I use plastic pots 3-4" across for most standards, 5-6" for very large varieties. Miniatures & Semi miniatures every 3-4 months, plastic pots 1 ½" to 2 ½" across the top. Cut off the bottom third of roots, if needed, rather than use a pot that is too big. Hold off fertilizing for 2-3 weeks after repotting. If a freshly repotted violet looks limp after about 5 days, then place in a clear plastic bag until it firms up - don't overwater newly potted plants.

***This is how I grow my violets
Growing environment is different
for everyone, so do what works for you.***

At Woodland Blooms, every precaution is taken to grow healthy violets. A constant watchful eye is your best defense to prevent bugs or disease from affecting your entire collection.

For all new plants, I do a close inspection (plants and roots) and testing is done for all new plants. We then isolate the new plants for 4-5 months.

It's best to only buy from reputable growers that have years of experience and knowledge.

Always isolate new plants.

Keep them in a separate area away from your collection for a minimum of 16 weeks.

