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# SUNBASKET

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## Our Easy Care Soil

Plants need food, especially flowering plants that use a lot of energy producing all those blooms. Our special cocoa fiber potting soil has slow-release fertilizer mixed right in, so it continues to feed the plant for a month or so after you purchase it.

Our soil also holds water better than the typical potting mix. Rather than letting the water run right through, our soil combines with it to form a sort of gel. This makes the water available to the plant throughout the day, so you'll find you need to water the Sunbasket less often.

## Landscaper's Trick

If you're looking to cover a bed or border with a quick carpet of color, try this landscaper's trick: plant a Sunbasket in the garden. Each one is a lush, fully grown out version of one of our 4IN Sun Annuals, and it spreads even further when planted without the basket. That equals instant color coverage for less work—pretty smart, don't you think?

## Best Sunbasket For Spring

Summer in New England presents the challenge of finding color that lasts in the scorching sun and heat. Each of our beautiful Sunbaskets is specifically designed for the optimal amount of color to fill these troublesome areas in and around New England gardens. Overflowing with lush foliage and colorful blooms, the Sunbasket is the fully grown-out version of our beautiful 4IN Sun Annuals. All you need to do is find a place to hang it!



### *What Do We Mean By Full Sun And Partial Sun?*

Our Sunbasket is built for full sun in New England. If you have all-day sun and no shade, the Sunbasket will be happy. It also tolerates partial shade. This means that if you have sun at the top of the day and shade for half, say shade just in the morning or in the afternoon, the Sunbasket will be fine. If you only have sun for a narrow window of two or three hours a day, take a look at our Shadebasket! Keep in mind that the Sunbasket blooms longer and with more generous foliage the more sun you give it.



## For DIY Enthusiasts

If you have a favorite basket or planter at home you can create your own design using our Sun Annuals as ingredients. These plants have the same cultural needs as far as soil, light, and water so they can be used together in any combination.

Our Sun Annuals are highly colorful flowering and foliage varieties, such as Angelonia, Calliope Geranium, and Lantana. Each is attractive on its own and can be used as the sole element to fill a container. Plant in rings in a star-like pattern for a lush, full bushy display.

DIY combos are fun, too, with the Sun Annual as the center focus. Just head over to our line of Mixers for additional ingredients that grow up, like Cyperus, or down, like Sweet Potato Vine, to complete the piece.

Sun Annuals in the 4IN size:

- Alyssum
- Angelonia
- Calibrachoas
- Calliope Geranium
- Lantana
- Petunias
- SunPatians
- Vinca

## *Calliope or Caliente Geranium*

Choose your Geranium! Calliope has big, velvety ball-shaped flowers and bright green ivy-style foliage. Semi-double blooms mound up and trail out of the basket all summer long. Caliente has ivy-style leaves and elegant single flowers in flashy colors. It spills gently out of the basket for a more sophisticated display.

## *Patterned Petunias*

Our Petunias come in fluorescent colors and some look like they've been splattered with a constellation of white paint splotches. Lots of large blooms mound up and overflow for the most eye-catching Sunbasket in the neighborhood!

## *Colorful Combinations For Fun*

A little bit of everything for sun! Trailing Calibrachoa adds color and character. Fluffy Alyssum or Lobelia provides soft white foamy fill. Mounding Petunias add drama and some height, and Verbena overflows with bright summer flowers galore!

## *Classic Pansy Is Always In Fashion*

Our Sunbasket Pansies are special. Unlike typical garden varieties that droop and spill, these Pansies spread out and hang in a horizontal manner for a broad disc of color. Hang them from shepherd's hooks or tree limbs to put color in unexpected places!

