Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How long does it take to grow?

A: Pansy seeds take 5-10 days to sprout, and will be ready to start harvesting in 2+ months. Zinnia seeds take 5-10 days to sprout, and will start flowering in 2-3 months. English Daisy seeds take 10-17 days to sprout, and will start blooming in 2+ months. Continuous harvesting will encourage a bushy plant and greater number of blooms.

Q: How long will it last?

A: A pansy plant will continue to grow with sufficient nutrients and light. Harvest when flower are fully open. Deadhead for continuous blooms.

A zinnia plant will continue to grow for many seasons with sufficient nutrients and light. Fresh flowers are best harvested in the morning when flowers are their freshest and petals are just opening.

A English daisy plant will continue to grow for many months with sufficient nutrients and light. Picking off flowers and preventing exposure to temps above 75 will maximize the plant's life.

Q: How much sun will it need?

A: Flowers require at least 6 hours of direct light daily, and should be put in an unobstructed window that faces south, west or east (southwest is the best option). During winter months—or if you don’t have an unobstructed window—you can supplement with a grow light.

Q: Can it be put outside?

A: Garden Jars are designed for indoor use, but can be put outside. Be mindful that the planter does not have a drain hole, and if the reservoir floods it may drown the roots. Bring your Garden Jar inside if temps dip below 55^0 or above 80^0.

Q: How is it reusable?

A: The stainless steel net pot and recycled glass grow medium can both be reused—simply rinse with hot water. Add new seeds and use soil or coco pith to help seeds germinate. Use a water soluble fertilizer and follow its instructions.

Q: How do passive hydroponics work?

A: Passive hydroponics is a method of growing plants without soil. A combination of an inert porous growing medium and a wick transports water and nutrients to the plant roots via capillary action. The nutrient solution (water and fertilizer) are held in a reservoir and taken up as needed, providing the perfect balance of water to oxygen.