

## Tips for Success

**Water:** Water your plants immediately after taking them out of the box. Give them enough water so that the soil appears damp and water trickles out the bottom of the pot.

**Plants look Dry or Foliage appears Lackluster:** Sometimes plants may appear dried out and wilted after the voyage. Do not despair. When this happens the foliage may look lackluster but the rootstock is still perfectly healthy and alive. To plump your plants back up, water them and wait 5 minutes and then water them again. This will generally rehydrate them. Keep these plants well-watered until you can re-plant them into larger containers or in the garden within the next week. If plants arrive dry, it is often because the roots have outgrown the small shipping pots and need more room to grow; roots tend to dry out quickly in small containers. Your plants are very much alive and when you transplant them into larger pots or the earth, they will start growing quickly! So, re-plant them as soon as possible.

**Time to Plant!** Your plants are now ready to be replanted. Follow the planting guide inside for detailed instructions on how to most effectively plant your new plants.

**Strawflowers:** Imagine a plant that produces vivid colorful flowers that last for months and then can be cut and brought inside for more enjoyment? Our Elegant & Everlasting Strawflowers do just that. After blooming for months in rich non-fading shades of pink, orange and yellow, simply cut the flowers and enjoy in dried bouquets for a long time. No other flower we know retains its beauty when dried quite like a strawflower. These heat & drought tolerant plants will bring a burst of color to your beds, borders, or container gardens. Easy to grow Australia natives.

**Position Guide:** A/B - Gold, C/D - Orange, E/F - Pink



## Roberta's Gardens PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



**Everlasting Strawflowers**  
*Xerochrysum bracteatum*

We aren't happy if you aren't happy. If you have any questions regarding your order please call us at **1-765-525-4065** during the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm EST.

You can email questions to us at: [customerservice@robertasinc.com](mailto:customerservice@robertasinc.com).

If your bulbs, cuttings, etc. do not sprout, or your plant dies within 90 days from the date of shipment, we will send you a replacement free of charge. We cannot accept responsibility for losses due to extreme weather or neglect. Simply call us at the above toll free number or fill out the plant replacement form on our website at [RobertasUniqueGardens.com](http://RobertasUniqueGardens.com).

Roberta's will replace it with a similar or comparable plant at no charge. If your replacement is not available or it is too late in the season to ship, it will ship the following year.



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*Annual and Tropical Plants*

## Quick Reference

 **Plant Type:** Annual

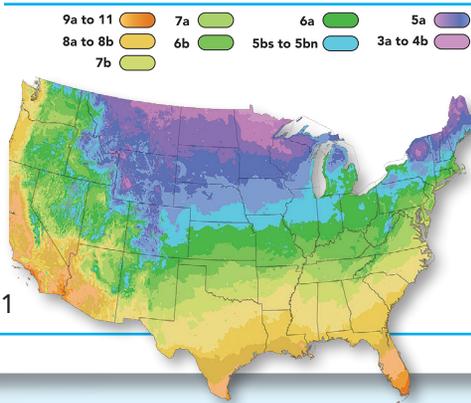
 **Light/Sun:** Full Sun

 **Mature Height:** 2'

 **Mature Spread:** 2'

 **Bloom Time:** Summer to Fall

 **USDA Hardiness Zones:** 8 to 11



## Plant Caretaking

**Upon Arrival:** Please take plants out of the box immediately and remove any shipping materials from around the plants. Give them some water and place them in a warm sunny area for 1-2 days before replanting.

**Planting Depth & Spacing:** Dig a deep enough hole so that the entire plant easily fits into the hole and the top of the soil line of your plant is flush with the top of the soil in the hole you have dug. It is important that the soil line of your plant does not protrude above the soil line in the ground or container. Space plants about the mature spread of the plant as shown in the Quick Reference section.

**Potted Plants:** Make sure your container has holes to allow excess water to drain.

**Soil Preparation:** If your soil is clayish, amend it with standard potting mix to improve drainage.

**Watering:** To determine if your plant needs water, put your finger in the top of the soil and if the top inch is dry, it is time to water. It is important to make sure young plants do not experience long periods of dryness. However, they also do not like soggy conditions. These tend to be quite resilient against droughty conditions.

**Fertilizer:** Use Roberta's Bounty a couple weeks after planting and then once or twice a month all summer long.

**Pet Considerations:** Ensure your pets do not consume plants.

**Cut Flowers:** Not only will these Strawflowers remain looking great on the plants for weeks and weeks, they will also look great as cut flowers for months, if not years. Instead of placing the cut flowers in a vase of water, simply place them in an empty vase without water. They will dry and retain their color and form.

**Overwintering:** These plants cannot handle cold winters. After the first frost cut the plant back or remove them from your garden. If they're in containers you can cut them down and place in a cool garage or basement until the following spring. They'll continue to grow all year long in warm weather regions.

## Planting Steps

**Step 1** Remove plants from their box and take off other packing materials. Open your box outside or somewhere you don't mind getting messy, as some of the soil may have been shaken loose in transit.

**Step 2** Check if your plant is thirsty. They probably need a nice drink of water after their voyage. If the plant feels light or the soil is dry to the touch, give your plants a watering.

**Step 3** Allow your plants time to adjust to their new home before re-planting by placing them in a warm sunny spot for 1-2 days. Then they will be ready for re-planting with renewed vigor.

**Step 4** Pull away or cut off any yellow or brown leaves, or any old flowers – this is normal.

**Step 5** Transplant into the garden or containers as soon as evening temperatures stay above 40F. Dig holes the width of the root ball and deep enough so that the original top of the soil is flush with the new soil line. Water the new location before and after planting your plant. This will help the young roots stay hydrated. Once you've placed your plant in the hole, fill in the rest of the hole with extra soil or potting mix, ensuring the entire root system is covered with soil.

