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# Summer Island™ Summer Melody™

## VEGETATIVE FUCHSIA

Temperature and light will have the greatest influence upon both vegetative growth and earliness to flower. The following cultural factors must be managed properly to produce and finish a high quality crop.

Our Fuchsias are excellent early flowering and compact growing varieties. They react extremely well for long-day light for early flowering.

## PROPAGATION

The culture for unrooted cuttings should be between April and June.

Choose a well-drained medium which has a pH of 5,5-6.

Plant the cuttings quick after arrival, if it is necessary to store them at 7-8°C

Soil temperature should be maintained at 16-18°C

After planting you should water them well and in the first 1-2 days daily, but lightly

Fuchsia rooted cuttings should be ready to transplant in 24-27 days

## GROWING ON TO FINISH

Use a well-drained, disease-free medium with a pH of 5,5-6 and an a fertilizer of 1-1,5 kg NPK/m<sup>3</sup>

Use a pot of 10,5-12cm

## TEMPERATURE

For the rooting phase the heating temperature should be 18°C, and an air temperature of 20°C

After the first pinching the heating temperature could be 14-16°C, and an air temperature of 18°C

## PINCHING

After well rooting when you have at least 3 pairs of leaves you could pinch lightly, to get nice rich-shaped plant

## WATER

During growing-time and especially in the winter months the Fuchsias should not be kept very wet, so only water the dry ones

## CONTROLLING GROWTH OF SUMMERMELODY™ FUCHSIAS

Santamaria(S) - red/mauve, easy - you do not need growth regulators

Sunfilipe(S) - red/white, easy - if necessary use 1-2 times CCC-0,8%

Sunramon(S) - red/light blue, easy - you do not need growth regulators

Suncarlos(S) - red/dark blue, easy - 1-2 times with CCC-0,8%  
But if the place is light, airy and spacious you should give only one treatment.

## LIGHT

The flowering of Summermelody® Fuchsias starts at the end of October. If you want to get the flowers earlier, than you will have to give them light after pinching.

They need 2 hours in June-July, at night for early flowering.

It is important ,that the heating temperature does not go under 16°C).

## COMMON PROBLEMS

**Insects:** Thrips, whitefly, aphids

**Diseases:** Botrytis, Fuchsiarust

