

Growing on Clematis Plugs

Can I pot direct to final pot?

Yes – pot plugs directly into 1 or 1.5 or 2 litre pot.
 Clematis like to have their roots deep into a tall pot, although squat pots aid stability.
 To produce a 3 or 5-litre final size, pot first into 7cm or 9cm liner for 6-8 weeks, then pot on once established.



What compost to use?

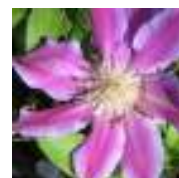
A rich compost – CRF (controlled release fertilizer) at 4kg/m³ but omit CRF if potting Sept-Jan.
 Ensure a coarse open structure for good drainage - particularly when overwintering.
 Adjust pH to 5.0-5.5.
 Add grit for stability in final pot.

Do clematis need extra feed?

Yes – especially when growth is fast in April-May. Use liquid/foliar feed to supplement CRF in compost.

When do I cut plants back?

Cut back 6-8 weeks after potting, when roots are establishing.
 Tie new growth to canes. Keep tying in new growth regularly.
 When reached the top of cane, additional growth can be trimmed.



Do I need to spray regularly?

Spray as soon as see aphid or whitefly.
 Prevent fungal problems (including wilt) by good husbandry – plenty of ventilation to ensure the foliage does not remain wet after watering.



Overwintering

Overwinter under protection and frost-protect where possible.
 Keep foliage dry & don't overwater.
 Final size plants can be trimmed in autumn/winter to two-thirds height, to allow for Spring re-growth.

1) To Produce quick 1, 1.5 or 2-litre plants

When pot Clem PLUGS	Pot size, trimming etc	Plants ready to sell
March - May	Direct to final pot. Ensure top of compost plug is below surface. Grow in glasshouse/polytunnel	Sell end May - July
May - early June	Direct to final pot. Ensure top of compost plug is below surface. Grow in glasshouse/polytunnel	Sell August - Sept
July - August	Direct to final pot. Ensure top of compost plug is below surface. Grow in glasshouse/polytunnel. Overwinter with frost protection below -4°C	Sell March - April - May

2) To Produce substantial 3- or 5-litre plants

When pot Clem PLUGS	Pot size, trimming etc	Plants ready to sell
July - August	Pot to 9cm liner, cut back after 6-8 weeks. Overwinter + frost protection below -4°C. Pot on Jan-Feb.	Sell March - May
March - May	Pot to 9cm liner, pot on in June. Overwinter + frost protection below -4°C.	Sell February - March

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