

Angel Trumpets (*Brugmansia*) UNROOTED CUTTINGS Care Sheet

PLANTS/SEEDS ARE POISONOUS – DO NOT INGEST!



Angel Trumpet Mix

Pink Beauty

Nina Lane (white)

Yellow/Gold (Little Jimmy)

Palest Pink

This perennial is known as the "Angel's Trumpet" because of its huge, fragrant, trumpet shaped flowers that hang down from the heavens & put out a wonderful fragrance. Bloom repeatedly through the summer to 1st frost. Hardy in zones 8-10 (some sources say hardy to zone 7b) and container grown in colder climates; size of container determines size of plant. They thrive in moist, fertile, well drained soil in full sun or part shade. Can reach 10'- 12' tall & 8' wide.

I suggest starting your cuttings in containers to allow it to get over the shock of the shipping and keep them in **FULL shade** until they are rooted and starting new growth.

To root your cuttings, use a well draining potting mix (mix regular potting soil half and half with vermiculite or orchid mix) and make sure your pots have good drainage by adding some rocks or bark in the bottom inch or so. I suggest using at least a gallon size container to root your cuttings in. You may have your own way to root cuttings, if you've got a method that has worked for you in the past, feel free to use it. Here is how I've had success with these:

I put about 1" of bark or rocks in the bottom of a typical gallon nursery pot that has good drainage holes. Then I fill the remainder of the container with my well draining soil mix. I then apply some Root-tone or other rooting hormone to the cut end of the cutting and use a dowel stick or screw driver I make a hole in the middle of the soil in my pot. I push the cutting down into the hole I made until the bottom of it is about 1" above the rocks/bark (this is usually about 6"-8" of the stem in the soil) and then press the soil tightly against the cutting, making sure there is good contact between the cutting and the soil. Add more soil as needed to bring the soil line up near the top of the container. Water your cutting thoroughly and regularly (daily), but don't allow the soil to become soggy or let water stand on it. Once you see new growth on your cuttings, apply liquid fertilizer about once a week to encourage growth. I keep mine in the shade until I see vigorous growth, then they can be hardened off (slowly adjust to more sun by placing it in an area that gets a little more sun each day) and moved into part or full sun – either planted in the ground or kept in the container.

If you are rooting your cuttings in the fall or winter, you will need to keep them warm (70°F minimum) and growing over the first winter. Allow access to as much natural light during this first winter as possible.

If you choose to grow in a container, keep in mind that the size of the container will ultimately determine the size of your plant. If you live in an area where these are not cold hardy, you may overwinter your **mature (this does not apply to plants rooted late in the year, those need to be kept warm over the first winter)** plants in a bright, warm place in your home or greenhouse OR you can overwinter them in dormancy by moving it to a cool (but above freezing) place in your garage or basement. Limit water during this time, watering only when soil is dry. The plant will lose its leaves during winter dormancy, this is normal. In the spring, increase the amount of water provided, give your plant a good fertilizer and move it outside to start getting light. If a late freeze threatens, be sure to bring your plant back in until the cold weather passes. This is also a good time to prune your plant to keep its size under control and make it bush out more, ultimately creating more blooms (this is true for container AND landscape plants). When you reach the top size container that you can handle, prune the roots of your plant once every couple of years (or anytime it becomes root bound) to keep it healthy and growing well; early spring is also a good time to do this.

Angel Trumpets are heavy feeders; fertilize regularly during the growing season with a 'Bloom Booster' (High Phosphate ratio) type fertilizer for most blooms. Angel Trumpets bloom in 'waves', taking breaks in between heavy blooming. Pruning your plant each spring will keep your plant bushy, producing more branches and ultimately more blooms.