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HELLEBORE

Helleborus niger

A native of the European Alps, the hellebore likes cool temperatures and can flower for two months or more with proper care. Just follow these simple instructions to keep your hellebore healthy and happy.

PLACEMENT

Place your hellebore in a window that faces east, west or south. It prefers indirect or filtered sun, and will flower longer in cooler temperatures between 55 and 65 degrees F. Be sure to set the container on a protected surface to prevent water damage to furniture.

WATER

Provide warm water regularly to maintain moist soil, but avoid overwatering. Add water-soluble fertilizer every two weeks. When the flowers die and the leaves begin to turn yellow, the plant is entering its dormant season. Reduce watering during this time, but don't let the soil dry out completely.

TRANSPLANTING

In planting zones 3–8, your hellebore can be planted outdoors in the spring in a shady location with well-drained, humus-rich soil. The following year it will be among the first of your garden plants to emerge and flower—often when there is still snow on the ground. If you decide to keep your hellebore in a container, replant it in a slightly larger pot for the next bloom season, and keep the soil as cool as possible. Then every 2–3 years, transplant it to a new pot with fresh soil, after cutting away 1/3 of its root ball.