

## CLEMATIS FOR CONTAINERS

There is a wide range of Clematis suitable for growing in tubs.

The container must be at least 40 cm (15") deep, with a diameter of at least 40 cm (15"), larger if possible. There should be sufficient drainage holes, 5 or 6 in an average sized tub. A layer of pebbles or broken pottery must be placed over the holes and a layer of gravel on top of the pebbles to prevent compost clogging the drainage holes. The tubs can also be raised off the ground with bricks etc to improve drainage.

The compost is very important so we recommend using a soil based compost such as John Innes No.3 which is much better at retaining moisture and supporting the plant for the longer term.

The plant in the tubs must be fed and watered regularly. In summer daily watering is needed, also in dry winters check regularly, especially on evergreen varieties. Feed once a month throughout the growing season with Vitax Q4 or a similar balanced fertilizer. A high potash feed will help to increase flowering.

### PLANTING SUGGESTIONS

#### **April flowering**

alpina varieties, macropetala varieties.

#### **Early May flowering**

Bees Jubilee, Corona, Asao.

#### **End of May flowering**

Daniel Deronda, John Warren, Lasurstern, Marie Boisselot, Nelly Moser, Niobe, Proteus, The President, Vyvyan Pennell, Hagley Hybrid

#### **July onwards flowering**

Comtesse de Bouchard, Perle d'Azur, Jackmanii Superba, viticella and texensis varieties