

# Happitunia® 'Lovie Dovie'

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Full Sun To Light Shade



Hanging Baskets and Pots



Garden landscapes



**Most Soil Types** 



**Keep Moist** 

30cm

100 cm In Gardens

Caution: Harmful if eaten, skin and eye irritant. Wear gloves and wash hands after gardening.

Look for this plant in all good garden nurseries. For additional information and images contact Aussie Winners on (07) 3206 7676 For general enquiries Email: info@aussiewinners.com.au For media enquiries Email: media@aussiewinners.com.au

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Petunia Hybrids

## **KEY BENEFITS**

Happitunia 'Lovie Dovie' is a show stopper with its masses of stunning pink and white striped flowers. Planted in sunny garden beds or in garden plantings in pots the plant more than holds its own among mixed flower and shrub gardens. Like all Petunias it is fast growing, well suited to larger pots and bigger hanging baskets. The plant is self-cleaning with the fresh flowers and leaves covering over older ones.

#### **ORIGIN**

**'Lovie Dovie'** was bred in Japan by careful selection. In Australia and New Zealand it is marketed as one of the Happitunias series joining others released over the years. Petunias are all inter-related through cross breeding over many years. Hybrid Petunias are so well know they do not need describing. Original species are seldom grown today. All are native of the South Americas.

#### **USES**

**'Lovie Dovie'** is ideal for gardeners who like a good show in their garden with minimum effort. The plant needs care as it establishes but once it is growing there is little after care needed to produce a good show of flower. In large pots around the garden, near pools or barbecues, on balconies and on sunny courtyards the plant will give a good show. The use of **'Lovie Dovie'** in mixed plantings is worthwhile but the companion plants must be well rooting and strong growers. Look under care for instructions on ways to prolong the longer life of your plants.

## **CARE**

**'Lovie Dovie'** is an easy plant to grow and maintain. Watering needs are average. When dry, water the plant to keep them looking good. When planting out or potting on in late winter or spring incorporate slow release fertiliser at recommended rates. This will get the plant away to a good start. Once September arrives your plant will be growing well. A soluble high nitrogen fertiliser applied every three of four weeks will keep the plant in top condition. When hand watering make sure that the soil ball is saturated. Around December, when the plants are in full growth, but starting to look a little overgrown, a pruning followed by a new application of slow release fertiliser will result in bushy growth and bursts of vigour giving lots of new flowers. Trim back the longer branches just enough to bring them back in line to the sides of the pots. As the plants grow make sure that you keep the fertiliser up to them.

Another super selection from the team at Proven Winners.

