

## Oxalis ( Mix Colors ) - 4 bulbs - buy 1 get 1 free



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### Description

The false shamrock plant (oxalis triangularis) is a bulb type flowering plant which is also known as the purple shamrock or wood sorrel from the oxalis genus.

The small pinkish or white coloured blooms are an attractive addition to the rich purple leaves, which are the star of the show. There is also the plain green type which look similar to a four leaf clover, minus a leaf.

**Common name:** Oxalis Triangularis, purple shamrock, lucky shamrock.

**Color:** showy flowers of white, yellow, pink and rosy red.

**Height:** Expect a max height of 25 cm / 10 in and it will spread to fill the size of the container you have put it in. A large wide container will mean a wide overall plant.

**Difficulty level:** Easy

### Planting & Care

The potted shamrock plant (Oxalis regnellii) is a small specimen, often reaching no more than 6 inches. Leaves are in a range of shades and delicate flowers bloom off and on during fall, winter and spring. Leaves are clover shaped and some think the plant brings good luck. These leaves fold up at night and open when light returns.

Also known as the lucky shamrock plant, growing Oxalis houseplant is simple and adds a touch of spring to the indoors during winter months. Shamrock houseplants are members of the wood sorrel family of the genus Oxalis. Caring for shamrock plants is simple when you understand their periods of dormancy. Unlike most houseplants, the potted shamrock plant goes dormant in summer.

**Sunlight:** A good shaded spot within the home from direct sunlight is ideal. Sat back from a window in a bright room is suitable, but if the room is more north facing, place much closer to the window.

**Soil:** Most potting mixes that drain well, which are also well aerated will do the trick.

**Water:** One of the worst things you can do with bulbs is over-water, which rots the bulb. Allowing the soil to begin to dry at the top is a good measurement of when to water again. Remember to stop watering if the plant becomes dormant.

**Temperature:** Temperature: Between 60 - 70°F (15 - 21°C) "no higher than 75°F - 24°C" seems to be the ideal temperatures during the day and no lower than about 55°F (13°C) during the night.

**Fertilizer:** A diluted liquid fertilizer is helpful to use during the growing period. Feed once every 1 or 2 weeks. No feeding is required during dormancy.

**Care:**

- Dig little holes and plant the bulbs 1"-1 1/2" deep and 3"-4" apart.
- Just poke them down in the soil, don't worry about which side is up.
- They'll grow from any position.

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- After blooming has finished for the season leave the foliage in place; don't cut it off.
- The leaves will gather sunlight, create food through photosynthesis and strengthen the bulb for the future.
- Late in the summer or in fall the leaves will yellow and die back as the plant slips into dormancy.
- Foliage may be removed at this point.
- Your oxalis will rest for a while beginning the next growing cycle in early spring.
- Pests and Problems Oxalis may attract aphids, whiteflies or spider mites.
- Because these plants have regular dormancy periods you can isolate your plant from any of your other plants and wait until the leaves fall to get rid of the pests.
- Be very sure that the pests cannot reach other plants and clean the area of all fallen leaves thoroughly.
- Wipe down all of the surfaces using a diluted 50/50 alcohol/water solution if possible.
- A common ailment is rotting roots.
- If you suspect the yellowing of the leaves is not the normal dormancy period approaching you can take a look at the roots.
- If they are no longer a fresh white and are soft you may have rotted them.
- You may be able to save it if there are bulblets or tubers that look sturdy by re-potting it but you may just have to toss the plant into the compost bin and begin again.

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**Reference:**

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