## Tips for Success

***We Help You Grow:*** Further information and growing tips can be found at RobertasUniqueGardens.com & QVC.com

***Water:*** Water your plants immediately after taking them out of the box. Give them enough water so that the soil appears damp and water trickles out the bottom of the pot. Generally watering once a week for in ground plants and twice a week for container grown plants is sufficient.

***Plants look Dry or Foliage appears Lackluster:*** Sometimes plants may appear dried out and wilted after the voyage. Do not despair. When this happens the foliage may look lackluster but the rootstock is still perfectly healthy and alive. To plump your plants back up, water them and wait 5 minutes and then water them again. This will generally rehydrate them. Keep these plants well-watered until you can re-plant them into larger containers or in the garden within the next week. If plants arrive dry, it is often because the roots have outgrown the small shipping pots and need more room to grow; roots tend to dry out quickly in small containers. Your plants are very much alive and when you transplant them into larger pots or the earth, they will start growing quickly! So, re-plant them as soon as possible. Remove any yellow or brown foliage.

***Where to Plant*** These plants look great along borders, walkways, in containers on their own or in mixed containers. They are also classically grown around veggie garden with the thought that they can help repel pests.

***Position Guide*** A - Gold, B - Yellow, C - Orange

***Taishan Marigolds*** True performers in the garden, these brand new African Marigolds bring some of the largest marigold blooms we'd expect from an African marigold on perfectly sized intermediate height plants. They'll excel along borders, beds, containers and veggie gardens bringing strong plants and nonstop flower powers. You can expect these high performers to bloom up until the first frost with ease. Gold, Orange and Yellow.

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You can email questions to us at: **customerservice@robertasinc.com.**

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Roberta's will replace it with a similar or comparable plant at no charge. If your replacement is not available or it is too late in the season to ship, it will ship the following year.

*Annual and Tropical Plants*

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## PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE

**3pc Taishan™ Marigold**

*Tagetes erecta hybrids*

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## Quick Reference

***Plant Type*** Annual

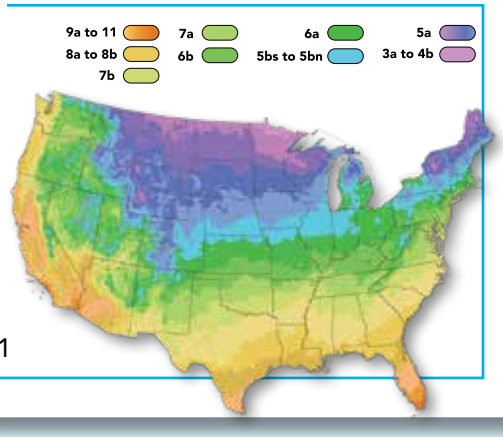
***Light/Sun*** Full Sun

***Mature Height*** 18"

***Mature Spread*** 8-10"

***Bloom Time*** Spring to Fall

***USDA Hardiness Zones*** 9 to 11




## Planting Steps

***Step 1*** Remove plants from their box and take off other packing materials. Open your box outside or somewhere you don't mind getting messy, as some of the soil may have been shaken loose in transit.

***Step 2*** Check if your plant is thirsty. They probably need a nice drink of water after their voyage. If the plant feels light or the soil is dry to the touch, give your plants a watering.

***Step 3*** Allow your plants time to adjust to their new home before re-planting by placing them in a warm shaded spot for 1-2 days. Then they will be ready for re-planting with renewed vigor.

***Step 4*** Pull away or cut off any yellow or brown leaves, or any old flowers - this is normal.

***Step 5*** Transplant into the garden or containers as soon as evening temperatures stay above 40F. Dig holes the width of the root ball and deep enough so that the original top of the soil is flush with the new soil line. Water the new location before and after planting your plant. This will help the young roots stay hydrated. Once you've placed your plant in the hole, fill in the rest of the hole with extra soil or potting mix, ensuring the entire root system is covered with soil.

## Plant Caretaking

***Upon Arrival:*** Please take plants out of the box immediately and remove any shipping materials from around the plants. Give them some water and place them in a warm shaded area for 1-2 days before replanting.

***Planting Depth & Spacing:*** Dig a deep enough hole so that the entire plant easily fits into the hole and the top of the soil line of your plant is flush with the top of the soil in the hole you have dug. It is important that the soil line of your plant does not protrude above the soil line in the ground or container. Space plants according to the mature spread of the plant as shown in the Quick Reference section. For instance if the mature spread is 12", space between 10-14" apart, depending on if you would like for the plants to lightly touch or be slightly separated.

***Potted Plants:*** Make sure your container has holes to allow excess water to drain. One plant per 6-8" pot or place multiple together in a larger container.

***Soil Preparation:*** If you soil is clayish, amend it with standard potting mix to improve drainage. Bagged potting mix is great.

***Watering:*** To determine if your plant needs water, put your finger in the top of the soil and if the top inch is dry, it is time to water. It is important to make sure young plants do not experience long periods of dryness. However, they also do not like soggy conditions.

***Fertilizer:*** Use Roberta's Bounty a couple weeks after planting and then once or twice a month all summer long.

***Pet Considerations:*** Ensure your pets do not consume plants. Some plants are toxic to pets. Do your diligence to protect your pet.

***Winter Care*** Unless you live where winters remain warm, these will die away once winter arrives.

***Sunlight*** These will do their absolute best when grown in full sun.

***Deadheading*** While not necessary, cutting off old flowers will help stimulate new flower formation.