



Cosmos

Cosmos flowers best when grown in full sun, and grow well in a wide range of soils.

To create bushy, multi-branching plants, pinch out the central growing tip early on, leaving several pairs of leaves for new branches to grow out from. If cosmos plants become too leggy and start falling over they can be pruned back hard and they'll reshoot.

Water regularly, and allow soil to dry out between watering. Liquid fertiliser every two weeks would be beneficial, but don't over-fertilise.

Deadhead spent flowers regularly to encourage new bud formation.

These lovelies attract aphids away from other plants, and repel large white butterflies from laying eggs in the area.

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