



How to Grow Deinanthe (Rare Shade Hydrangeas)

1. 🌿 **Pick the Right Spot:** Choose a shady or dappled shade area, ideally in a woodland-style border or under deciduous trees.
2. 🌱 **Start with Healthy Plants:** Select nursery-grown specimens of *Deinanthe caerulea*, *bifida*, or 'Blue Wonder' from reputable sources.
3. 🌿 **Prepare the Soil:** Enrich with compost or leaf mould; ensure moisture-retentive but free-draining, slightly acidic to neutral soil (pH 5.5–7.0).
4. 📦 **Plant Gently:** Deinanthe resents disturbance. Handle the roots carefully and plant at the same depth as in the pot.
5. 💧 **Water Regularly:** Keep soil evenly moist, especially in summer or during dry spells. Never let the soil completely dry out.
6. 🍂 **Mulch Annually:** Apply 5–8 cm of mulch each spring to conserve moisture and insulate roots. Avoid piling against stems.
7. 🌸 **Be Patient:** Deinanthe may take 2–3 years to bloom. Once established, it will return reliably each year with minimal fuss.
8. 🧤 **Minimal Maintenance:** No pruning is needed beyond tidying dead growth in early spring. Avoid transplanting once settled.