



# Growing pelargoniums from seeds

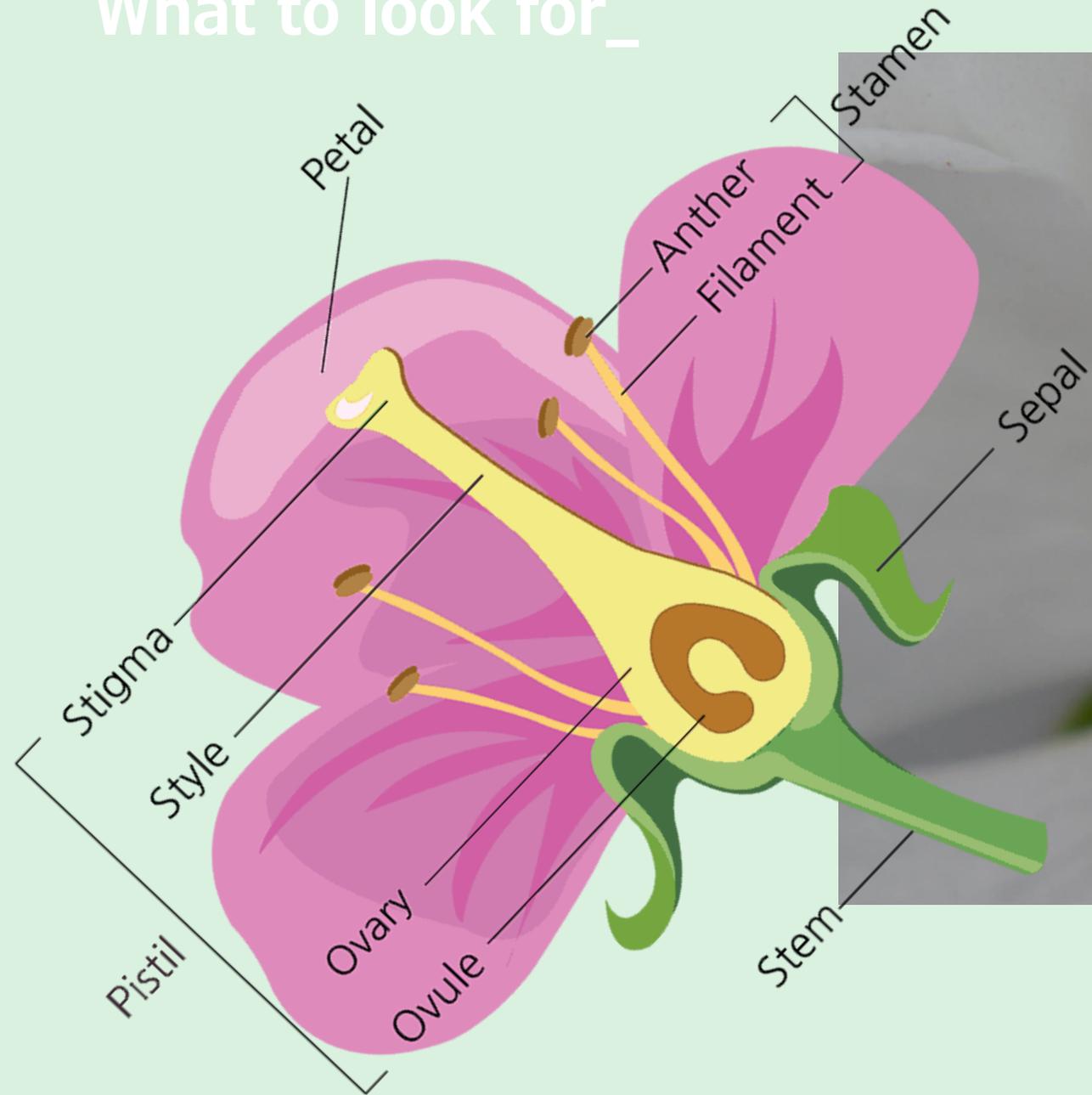
**Choosing the  
plant to breed  
from:**





Zonal  
" Harpers Nellie "  
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# What to look for\_



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What you need -



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After gently scarifying the seed with a fine sandpaper I soak it overnight on a wet paper towel.



You can use a seed tray or any other suitable container. The trick is to saturate the seed mix before you lay the seed on the tray.  
I use Baileys potting mix.



Use the blunt end of a knife to make a depression for each seed. Cover the seed with a very small amount of mix. I use coarse sand to do this. All geranium and Pelargonium seeds require light to germinate.





Don't forget to tag with a date and label your seeds. Different varieties can go in the same seed tray.

Put them where they will get 50% sun in the day. I put them on shelves in the sun.

The most important thing is not to let them dry out. Use the fine spray to dampen the soil and not to dislodge the seeds.



The first leaves you see are not “real” leaves. They are the cotyledons and they are sustaining the new plant until it grows new leaves.

Do not transplant them from the seed tray until you can see 2 sets of real leaves. You can plant them out into a small pot until they grow bigger. A cutting tube is big enough to begin with.

The only other important fact is the weather. I have left seed growing in the past until the night time temperatures are over 10 degrees. I think they will germinate sooner even if it is colder.

Some common reasons that pelargonium seeds don't grow.

It's too cold. They will still germinate in time.

The seeds are not fresh

The seeds are not kept moist

The seeds are buried too deep in the soil.

Places to Buy Seeds:

Commercial seeds are permitted from any where if they are packaged correctly and labeled.

The Climbing Fig

Seeds for Africa

Plant World Seeds

Wendy's Garden of Rare Seeds