FLOWERS · A SUNNY PORCH OR PATIO IN SPRING OR FALL

Let's grow snapdragon.

Antirrhinum majus — Snapshot Rose

This plan is for **Snapshot Rose dwarf snapdragon**

Is this your plant? Choose Antirrhinum majus Snapshot Rose, a dwarf garden selection. This one-plant pot plan is not for tall cutting snapdragons; another series may have a different size or flowering season.

Little flower spikes for the cooler part of the year.

12 in. wide × 10 in. deep **1 dwarf nursery plant**

Before you start

Start Snapshot Rose in cool spring weather in cold-winter areas, or fall in mild-winter areas. Acclimate a greenhouse plant gradually and protect it from a hard freeze.

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LIGHT

Loves the sun

Choose at least 6 hours of sun; cool weather suits this dwarf series.

WATER

Likes even moisture

Check daily; water when the top inch starts drying.

FEEDING

Feed an active display

Use the mix's starter nutrients first, then measured feed every 10 days while buds and flowers develop.

BEFORE YOU START

Your little kit.

- ✓ 1 rooted Snapshot Rose dwarf snapdragon nursery plant
- ✓ One 12-inch-wide, 10-inch-deep pot with drainage
- ✓ Fresh potting mix, a watering can, and small snips

THE SOIL

Miracle-Gro Organic Potting Mix (US, with starter nutrients; check your bag for its additional-feeding directions)

Start with what's on this list. Add plant food only when the feeding section says it's needed.

YOUR SIMPLE GROWING PLAN

One pot. Here's the plan.

A sunny porch or patio in spring or fall. Start with **nursery plant**.

THE POT

12 in. wide × 10 in. deep

One draining pot for one dwarf plant. This roomy starter layout is an editorial choice, not a minimum for all snapdragons; tall cutting types need another plan.

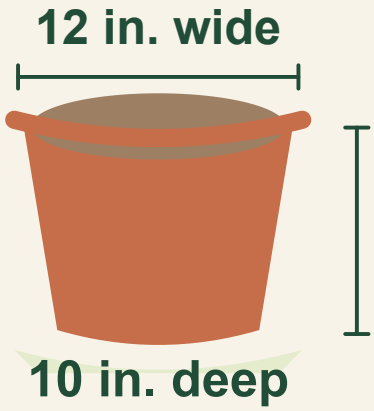
HOW MANY

1 dwarf nursery plant

Choose one rooted Snapshot Rose nursery plant, about 8–10 inches tall and 10–12 inches wide at maturity. The nursery tag should name this dwarf selection.

THE CONTAINER

12 in. wide × 10 in. deep



START WITH

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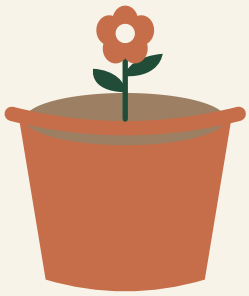


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01

Buy the short kind

Look for Snapshot Rose on the nursery tag. It is a dwarf garden snapdragon. A tall cutting variety will not stay this small just because you use a small pot.

02

Plant at the old level

Set the nursery root-ball surface level with the fresh mix. Leave 1 inch below the rim and water until excess drains.

03

Choose the cool sunny spot

Ease a greenhouse plant into outdoor sun over about a week. Protect it from a hard freeze while it is settling in.

04

Snip spent spikes

Once the flowers on a spike have faded, use clean snips to cut the spent spike just above a healthy leaf or side shoot below it. Leave fresh buds in place. Removing old spikes can encourage more flowers, but cannot overcome summer heat.

Help with the setup: drainage holes and saucers · potting mix vs. garden soil.

Other ways to start

Start from purchased Snapshot Rose seed

About 8–10 weeks before your local planting-out window, sow 1 seed in each of 2 small cells of moist seed-starting mix. Surface-sow; light is needed, so avoid a thick covering. Mist gently or water from below without washing the seed away. Johnny's general snapdragon guidance gives 70–75°F and roughly 7–14 days for germination; follow the packet if it differs. Grow seedlings in bright light. Keep one healthy plant for this pot and give away the spare. Two seeds do not guarantee a surviving plant; a nursery start is the simpler fallback.

YOUR EVERYDAY ROUTINE

Water & fertilizer at a glance.

WATER WHEN

Check each morning. Water as the top inch starts drying, then drain. Wait if wet; do not let the whole pot dry out.

FERTILIZER

Jack's Classic Blossom Booster (US 10-30-20)

AMOUNT

1 level tablespoon in 1 US gallon of water

WHAT THAT AMOUNT COVERS

Mix into water. Apply only enough solution to wet this pot and drain; the mixing batch is not the amount to pour on.

HOW OFTEN TO FEED

Every 10 days while buds and flowers develop.

WHEN TO START OR PAUSE

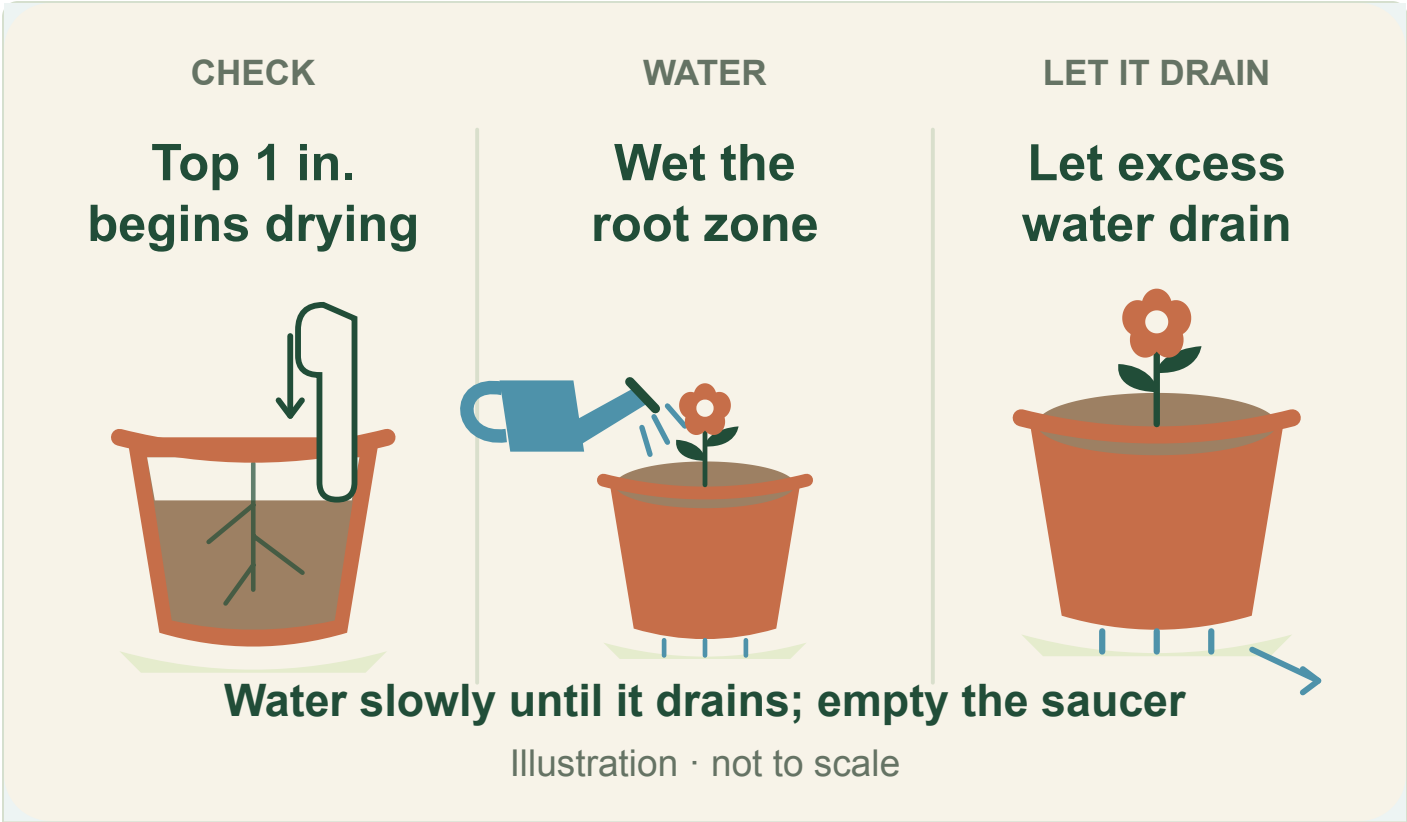
Check the purchased potting-mix bag for when extra feeding is due. A short display may need none. Feed only a growing, rooted plant with buds or flowers; delay if wet and pause during heat stress.

This dilution and 10-day interval follow the manufacturer's outdoor directions. The gallon is a mixing batch, not a per-pot dose. Use one feeding program and follow your actual US package.

01 / EVERYDAY CARE

When to water.

Check each morning. Water the mix slowly when the top inch starts to dry, continuing until a little water drains below. Avoid repeatedly wetting the foliage. Never let the whole pot become bone dry, but wait if the root zone is still wet. A hot spell can require closer checks even though heat itself may pause flowering.



Check before watering. Check each morning. Water as the top inch starts drying, then drain. Wait if wet; do not let the whole pot dry out. Original illustration; not to scale.

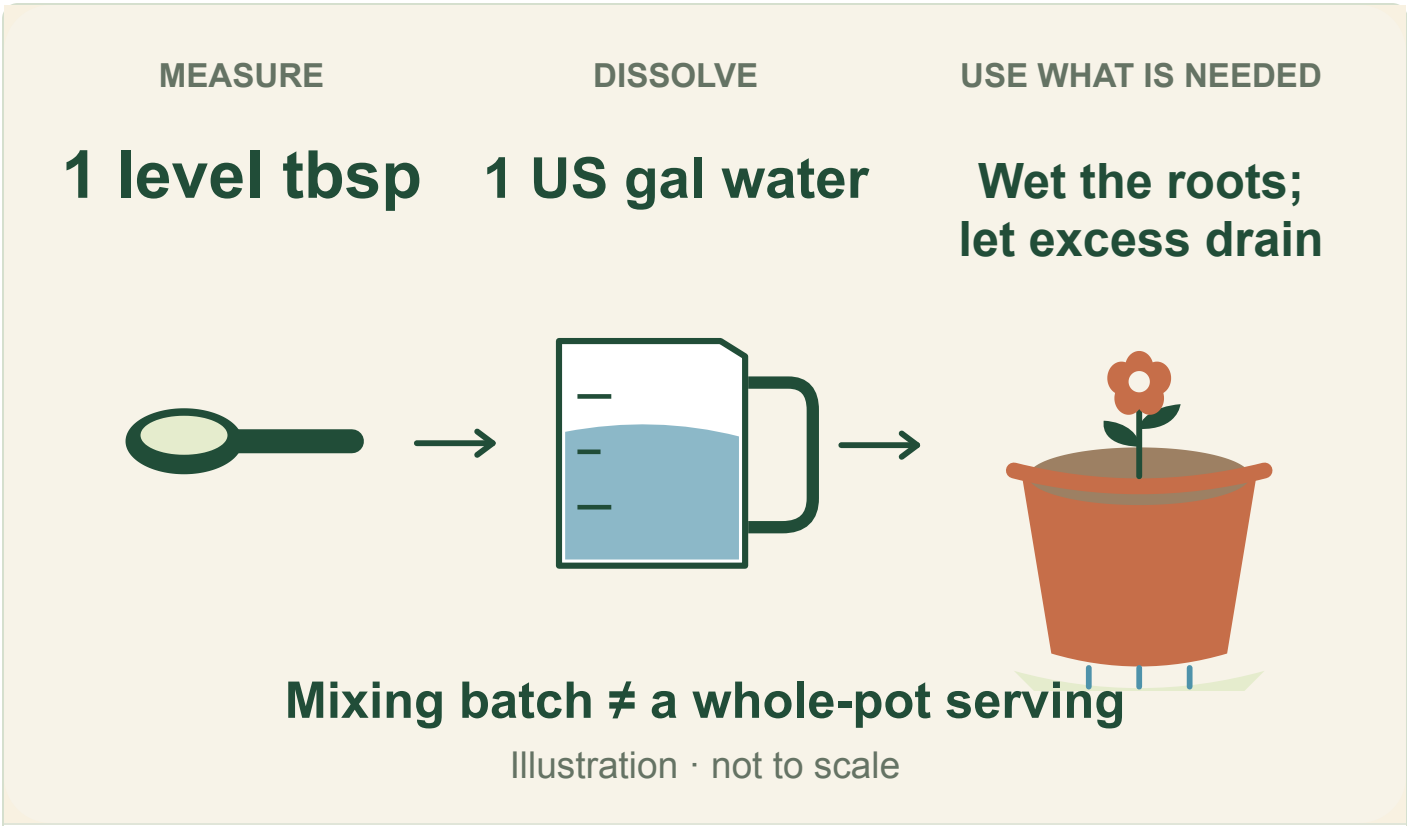
> **The easy rule**
>
> Check first. Water only when the plant needs it.

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02 / PLANT FOOD

Exactly what to feed it.

Start with the nutrients already in Miracle-Gro Organic Potting Mix. Check your purchased bag for when to begin additional feeding; do not assume every enriched mix feeds for the same number of weeks. Another mix may have a different starter feed or none. Do not add a second full feeding program at planting. A short spring display may finish before more food is due. Start the feed below only if the plant is still growing and making buds or flowers.



1 level tablespoon in 1 US gallon of water Mix into water. Apply only enough solution to wet this pot and drain; the mixing batch is not the amount to pour on. Every 10 days while buds and flowers develop. Check the purchased potting-mix bag for when extra feeding is due. A short display may need none. Feed only a growing, rooted plant with buds or flowers; delay if wet and pause during heat stress. Original illustration; not to scale.



US PRODUCT REFERENCE

Jack's Classic

Blossom Booster

10-30-20

Soluble: mix into water

Check the official US product ↗

Illustrated reference; check the manufacturer's current packaging and US label.

A SPECIFIC US PRODUCT

Jack's Classic Blossom Booster (US 10-30-20)

Dissolve 1 level tablespoon of Jack's Classic Blossom Booster 10-30-20 in 1 US gallon of water. Once additional feeding is due, apply at the roots every 10 days while buds and flowers develop. This is the manufacturer's outdoor concentration at the longer end of its 7–10-day range. Use only enough solution to wet this pot and let excess drain; the gallon is a mixing batch, not a serving for one plant. Delay if the mix is wet. Pause during heat stress or when growth stops, and do not combine with another full-rate fertilizer. Follow your actual US package.

Check the manufacturer's product page ↗

This outdoor dilution and 10-day interval follow JR Peters' Classic directions. They apply to a growing, rooted pot with buds or flowers, not newly germinated seedlings.

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03 / WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

Cool-season flowers and summer slowdown

Snapshot is a dwarf garden series with short, densely flowered spikes. A nursery plant in bud provides the quickest display. Flowering often slows in summer heat; this is a spring or fall pot, rather than a promise of nonstop midsummer flowers.

Choose a local spring or fall window

Use a cool spring window in cold-winter regions. In mild-winter areas, fall planting can provide winter or early-spring color. Acclimated snapdragons tolerate light frost, but protect a fresh greenhouse plant from a hard freeze. Local weather decides the planting date.

For regional planting windows, find your local Cooperative Extension office ↗.

Something looking off?

Why did flowering slow when it got hot?

Snapdragons prefer cooler conditions. Keep checking moisture, remove spent spikes, and wait for suitable weather. More fertilizer will not cancel heat stress.

Can I use the tall snapdragons sold for bouquets?

Choose labeled dwarf Snapshot Rose for this recipe. Tall cutting types need more root room and stem support, and their flower timing can differ.

Will it grow back next year?

Most US gardeners use snapdragons as seasonal flowers. Some survive mild winters, but this container plan does not guarantee a permanent perennial.

Starting seedlings and keeping leaves healthy

Start tiny seeds in small indoor cells

Start indoors in small cells, then move a sturdy seedling to its final pot. Direct-sowing tiny seeds into a big outdoor container makes moisture and spacing harder to manage.

Allow airflow and inspect damaged foliage

Rust, leaf spots, and root problems can affect snapdragons. Space the pot so air moves around it, remove damaged foliage, and inspect the plant before assuming a nutrient shortage.

Help with your next step.

Check the mix before watering

Learn to check the mix before watering a cool-season pot.

Check the feed already in your mix

Check what food is already in the mix before measuring a liquid feed.

BEHIND THIS GUIDE

Where the advice comes from.

Plant care is based on the sources below. Planting layouts and beginner routines combine that guidance into one practical plan; they are editorial choices, not results from a Plant Care Steps growing trial.

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