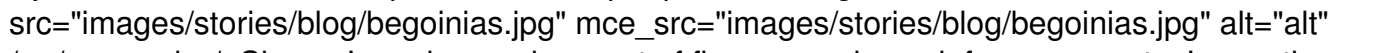


Aren't these begonias gorgeous? I sometimes place them in our planter on the front porch so that we can enjoy them when we look out of our front window and while we are eating on our front porch. Tuberous Begonias love bright light but not direct sunlight, unless it is very minimal, and they do not thrive in deep shade. Plant in well drained soil rich in compost matter after all danger of frost is past. Space so that air circulates freely around each plant. Keep moist but not soggy. As with all potted plants, feed with a water-soluble fertilizer at least once a month. When the plants reaches 6 inches, stake a few inches from the stem so as not to injure the tuber. Pinch off spent flowers.

  
Since I purchase a bouquet of flowers each week for my parents, I sometimes intermix the cut flowers with a potted plants of lovely blooms. Here are two of the tuberous begonias that I purchased for my parents. The total cost was a little more than one cut flower bouquet and will last several weeks with consistent watering.

