# Colorita® Kate® Alstroemeria

***Alstroemeria 'Zaprikate'***

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 7

Other Names: Peruvian Lily

Group/Class: Colorita Series

**Description:**

A compact, densely branched mound of glossy green foliage, producing masses of dramatic red blooms with yellow throats from spring until frost; rhizomes will survive moderate frost; an outstanding cut flower, perfect for gardens or containers



*Colorita Kate Alstroemeria flowers*
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**Ornamental Features**

Colorita Kate Alstroemeria features showy bracted red trumpet-shaped flowers with yellow throats and burgundy stripes at the ends of the stems from late spring to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive glossy pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

**Landscape Attributes**

Colorita Kate Alstroemeria is an herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Colorita Kate Alstroemeria is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

**Planting & Growing**

Colorita Kate Alstroemeria will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 inches apart. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Colorita Kate Alstroemeria is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.