Little Bonnie™ Spirea

Spiraea x bumalda 'BL0601'



Little Bonnie Spirea flowers
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Height: 24 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

An excellent dwarf spirea for warm southern climates, with showy flat-topped clusters of bright lavender-pink flowers in spring, held above the foliage; forms a dense and tight mound, very attractive in groupings; needs rich, well-drained soil



Little Bonnie Spirea in bloom
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Ornamental Features

Little Bonnie Spirea is bathed in stunning clusters of pink flowers with lavender overtones at the ends of the branches from late spring to mid summer. It has bluish-green deciduous foliage which emerges light green in spring. The small serrated pointy leaves turn an outstanding coppery-bronze in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Little Bonnie Spirea is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Little Bonnie Spirea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Little Bonnie Spirea will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub 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 pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Little Bonnie Spirea makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.