Viking Red on Chocolate Begonia

Begonia 'Viking Red on Chocolate'

Height: 20 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Viking Series

Description:

This densely mounded begonia stuns with its contrasting red flowers massed on top of deep chocolate foliage; great for large patio containers, hanging baskets or in the garden; heat and humidity tolerant; low maintenance

Ornamental Features

Viking Red on Chocolate Begonia features dainty nodding red orchid-like flowers with yellow centers at the ends of the stems from mid spring to early fall. Its attractive serrated lobed leaves remain dark brown in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Viking Red on Chocolate Begonia is an herbaceous annual 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 high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Viking Red on Chocolate Begonia is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Viking Red on Chocolate Begonia flowers
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- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

Planting & Growing

Viking Red on Chocolate Begonia will grow to be about 20 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 12 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. This annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant does best in a location that gets morning sunlight but is shaded from the hot afternoon sun, although it will also grow in partial shade. Keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. 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 somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Viking Red on Chocolate Begonia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. 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. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.