Peppermint Stick Celery

Apium graveolens 'Peppermint Stick'

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 10 inches

Spacing: 8 inches

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

A shade tolerant, long harvesting crop that produces beautiful green and pink striped stalks; perfect for gardens or containers; stalks have a crisp, distinctive flavor that is ideal for raw eating, soups and stews, while the leaves are perfect for salads



Peppermint Stick Celery
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Peppermint Stick Celery foliage
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Edible Qualities

Peppermint Stick Celery is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities. The stalks are typically harvested when mature. The stalks have a distinctive taste and a crisp texture.

The stalks are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Cooking
- Seasoning
- Sauces

Planting & Growing

Peppermint Stick Celery will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 8 inches apart. This vegetable plant is an annual, which means that it will grow for one season in your garden and then die after producing a crop.

This plant is typically grown in a designated vegetable garden. It should be grown in a location with 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 prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. 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 quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Peppermint Stick Celery is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.