Apollo™ Lovesong Cosmos

Cosmos 'Apollo Lovesong'



Apollo Lovesong Cosmos flowers
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Plant Height: 18 inches

Flower Height: 26 inches

Spread: 22 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

A compact, free flowering and well branched selection that features large, pink picotee flowers over the lacy foliage; gives an airy touch to the garden; tolerates heat and humidity; an excellent addition to beds, borders and containers



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Ornamental Features

Apollo Lovesong Cosmos features showy semi-double shell pink daisy flowers with pink overtones at the ends of the stems from early summer to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its ferny leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Apollo Lovesong Cosmos is an herbaceous annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Apollo Lovesong Cosmos is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

Planting & Growing

Apollo Lovesong Cosmos will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 26 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 22 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. 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 type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. 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.

Apollo Lovesong Cosmos is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. 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.