Candy Cane Chocolate Cherry Sweet Pepper

Capsicum annuum 'Candy Cane Chocolate Cherry'



Candy Cane Chocolate Cherry Sweet Pepper fruit
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Height: 18 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Sweet Mini

Description:

This sweet mini bell variety has unique variegated foliage and fruit that ripens from green with white stripes to chocolate with cherry red stripes; early maturing and high yielding; sweet and crisp, perfect for elevating salads and crudité trays

Edible Qualities

Candy Cane Chocolate Cherry Sweet Pepper is an annual vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities, although it does have ornamental merits as well. It produces small green peppers (which are technically 'berries') with white stripes which are usually ready for picking from mid summer to early fall. The fruit will often fade to cherry red over time. The peppers have a sweet taste and a crisp texture.

The peppers are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Cooking
- Baking

Planting & Growing

Candy Cane Chocolate Cherry Sweet Pepper will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 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 quite ornamental as well as edible, and is as much at home in a landscape or flower garden as it is in a designated vegetable garden. It should only be grown in full sunlight. 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. This plant is a heavy feeder that requires frequent fertilizing throughout the growing season to perform at its best. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Candy Cane Chocolate Cherry Sweet Pepper is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the larger 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.