# Spring Bling® Pink Sparkles Creeping Phlox

***Phlox subulata 'Pink Sparkles'***



*Spring Bling Pink Sparkles Creeping Phlox flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 8 inches

Spread: 28 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Hybrid Creeping Phlox

Group/Class: Spring Bling Series

**Description:**

A beautiful early bloomer with a healthy and vigorous habit; baby pink flowers with light pink center halos cover mounds of deep green, needle-like foliage; continuous blooms; great for borders, rock gardens, edging, or mass planting

**Ornamental Features**

Spring Bling Pink Sparkles Creeping Phlox is covered in stunning pink star-shaped flowers with shell pink eyes at the ends of the stems from mid spring to early fall. Its small needle-like leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season.

**Landscape Attributes**

Spring Bling Pink Sparkles Creeping Phlox is an herbaceous perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. 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.



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Spring Bling Pink Sparkles Creeping Phlox is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

**Planting & Growing**

Spring Bling Pink Sparkles Creeping Phlox will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 28 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 low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 3 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for alkaline soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selection of a native North American species. 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.

Spring Bling Pink Sparkles Creeping Phlox is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.