Spectra™ Orange Impatiens

Impatiens 'Spectra Orange'



Spectra Orange Impatiens flowers
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Height: 14 inches

Spread: 14 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: New Guinea Impatiens, Busy Lizzie, Busy Lizzy

Group/Class: Spectra Series

Description:

An outstanding selection with excellent branching; presents large, bright orange flowers over uniform, lush mounds of dark green foliage all season; performs well in sun or shade; ideal for use in borders, beds, hanging baskets or combination planters



Spectra Orange Impatiens in bloom
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Ornamental Features

Spectra Orange Impatiens features bold orange round flowers with white eyes at the ends of the stems from mid spring to early fall. Its glossy pointy leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Spectra Orange Impatiens is a dense 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 plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Spectra Orange Impatiens is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

Planting & Growing

Spectra Orange Impatiens will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 14 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 fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant performs well in both full sun and full shade. 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 should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. 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.

Spectra Orange Impatiens is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting 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 against which the 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.