Poprocks® Petite Spirea

Spiraea japonica 'Odessa'



Poprocks Petite Spirea flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 30 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3

Group/Class: Poprocks Series

Description:

A striking garden detail shrub featuring rich green foliage that finishes orange-red in fall; small flat-topped clusters of candy-pink button flowers in early summer; great for mixed borders or along walkways

Ornamental Features

Poprocks Petite Spirea is smothered in stunning clusters of pink flowers at the ends of the branches from late spring to early fall. It has green deciduous foliage. The small serrated pointy leaves turn outstanding shades of orange and red in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Poprocks Petite Spirea is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Poprocks Petite Spirea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Poprocks Petite Spirea will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 inches. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub 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. 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Poprocks Petite Spirea makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.