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Tall Dark and Handsome Blood Orange Geranium

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Pelargonium 'PEL14-05'

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

A wonderful narrow, columnar variety full of large deep orange double blooms and distinctive dark green foliage with chocolate brown centers; an amazing color addition to any garden, container, or combination planter; long flowering season

Ornamental Features

Tall Dark and Handsome Blood Orange Geranium features bold balls of orange flowers at the ends of the stems from late spring to late summer. Its palmate leaves remain dark brown in colour with distinctive green edges throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Tall Dark and Handsome Blood Orange Geranium is an herbaceous annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Tall Dark and Handsome Blood Orange Geranium is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Tall Dark and Handsome Blood Orange Geranium flowers
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Tall Dark and Handsome Blood Orange Geranium in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Tall Dark and Handsome Blood Orange Geranium will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 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. The flower stalks can be weak and so it may require staking in exposed sites or excessively rich soils. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. 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.

Tall Dark and Handsome Blood Orange Geranium 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. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.