ColorBlaze® Strawberry Drop Coleus

Solenostemon scutellarioides 'Kakegawa CE5'

Height: 20 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: ColorBlaze Series

Description:

A stunning selection featuring green leaves with deep red venation; a heat tolerant and low maintenance plant that will be an eye-catching addition to hanging baskets, patio containers and gardens

Ornamental Features

ColorBlaze Strawberry Drop Coleus' attractive serrated lobed leaves emerge light green in spring, turning bluish-green in color with distinctive crimson veins and tinges of creamy white throughout the season on a plant with a trailing habit of growth.

Landscape Attributes

ColorBlaze Strawberry Drop Coleus is an herbaceous annual with a trailing habit of growth, eventually spilling over the edges of hanging baskets and containers. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant. The flowers of this plant may actually detract from its ornamental features, so they can be removed as they appear. 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.



ColorBlaze Strawberry Drop Coleus foliage
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ColorBlaze Strawberry Drop Coleus is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

ColorBlaze Strawberry Drop Coleus will grow to be about 20 inches 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. 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. However, you may want to keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. 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. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. 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.

ColorBlaze Strawberry Drop Coleus is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. Because of its trailing 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.