Volcanica™ Solar Flare Coleus

Solenostemon scutellarioides 'UF20-103-6'

Height: 30 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 16 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Volcanica Collection

Description:

An exciting, upright variety that produces gold edged, dark burgundy leaves with dazzling hot pink center flares; wonderful in hanging baskets, patio containers and garden beds; foliage keeps color all season long; low maintenance and fast growing

Ornamental Features

Volcanica Solar Flare Coleus' attractive serrated oval leaves remain burgundy in color with showy hot pink variegation and tinges of gold throughout the season on a plant with a mounded habit of growth.

Landscape Attributes

Volcanica Solar Flare Coleus is an 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 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.



Volcanica Solar Flare Coleus foliage
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Volcanica Solar Flare Coleus is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



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Planting & Growing

Volcanica Solar Flare Coleus will grow to be about 30 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 16 inches apart. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant does best in partial shade to shade. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. 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.

Volcanica Solar Flare Coleus is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. 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 growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.