

Coleus

“Chocolate Covered Cherry”

Chocolate Covered Cherry Coleus thrives in part sun to full shade, prefers moist but well-drained soil, and can be grown from seed or started indoors. For vibrant foliage color, aim for morning sun and afternoon shade. This variety is also heat-resistant and suitable for hot, humid climates.

Growing Guide:

- **Light:** Partial sun (morning sun, afternoon shade) is ideal, but Chocolate Covered Cherry can tolerate full sun to full shade.
- **Soil:** Moist, well-drained soil with a pH between 6.0 and 7.0 is preferred.
- **Watering:** Keep the soil consistently moist but not soggy.
- **Temperature:** Warm temperatures are best, especially during germination (70-75°F).
- **Fertilizer:** Apply fertilizer every 4-6 weeks during the growing season.
- **Planting:** Start seeds indoors 8-12 weeks before the last frost or plant seedlings outdoors after the danger of frost has passed.
- **Spacing:** Space plants about 8 inches apart.
- **Pruning:** Pinch back tips to encourage bushier growth.

Additional Tips:

- Chocolate Covered Cherry can be grown in containers, borders, or beds.
- Monitor for aphids and white flies, especially on indoor plants.
- This variety is deer-resistant.
- In warmer climates (9b and above), Chocolate Covered Cherry can be treated as a perennial, but in most temperate zones, it's an annual.