

Coleus

“Giant Exhibition Mix”

Large foliage on small plants. Most of the leaves are 6 to 7 inches long and 4 inches wide, yet the plants are very compact—approx. 12 to 15 inches high and wide. They arise in all the colors for which coleus is known—burgundy, scarlet, maroon, bronze, cream, pink, and white—and sporting interesting touches, such as neatly-serrated edges or dramatic veining. Part shade to full shade; tender annual.

- **Sunlight:** Coleus Giant Exhibition Mix prefers partial shade to light shade, but can tolerate full sun in cooler regions.
- **Soil:** Choose well-draining, rich, moist soil.
- **Spacing:** Space plants 12-18 inches apart when transplanting into the garden.
- **Watering:** Keep the soil consistently moist but not waterlogged.
- **Pinching:** Regularly pinch back the growing tips to encourage bushier growth and prevent legginess.
- **Removing Flower Spikes:** Remove any stray flower spikes that emerge to maintain the lush foliage and prevent energy from being diverted to flowering.
- **Soil:** Ensure the soil is well-drained and amend with compost or other organic matter to improve drainage and fertility.
- **Pests and Diseases:** Monitor for common pests and diseases and take appropriate action if needed.
- **Mulching:** Apply a layer of mulch around the base of the plants to help retain moisture, suppress weeds, and regulate soil temperature.
- **Fertilizing:** Provide regular feedings with a balanced fertilizer to promote healthy growth and vibrant foliage.