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Pink Corazon Purple Heart

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Pink Corazon Purple Heart Setcreasea 'Pink Corazon'

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: syn. Tradescantia

Description:

This trailing perennial is grown for its foliage; attractive plum purple leaves are dramatically striped with vivid rose pink; low maintenance, and excellent for containers or massed as groundcover

Ornamental Features

Pink Corazon Purple Heart's attractive pointy leaves remain plum purple in color with prominent rose stripes throughout the year on a plant with a trailing habit of growth.



Pink Corazon Purple Heart foliage Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Landscape Attributes

Pink Corazon Purple Heart is an herbaceous annual with a trailing habit of growth, eventually spilling over the edges of hanging baskets and containers. 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, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. 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.

Pink Corazon Purple Heart is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

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Planting & Growing

Pink Corazon Purple Heart will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. Although it's not a true annual, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat. As this plant tends to go dormant in summer, it is best interplanted with late-season bloomers to hide the dying foliage.

This plant does best in partial shade to shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. 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 in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. 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.

Pink Corazon Purple Heart 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.