## **Echter's Nursery & Garden Center**

## **Tip Top Formula Nasturtium**

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# Tip Top Formula Nasturtium Tropaeolum majus 'Tip Top Formula'

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Tip Top Series

#### **Description:**

A compact mounded variety with beautiful green foliage that features frilly colored blooms from scarlet to orange and yellow to cream; a low maintenance selection that blooms from summer to fall, perfect for containers, landscapes and window boxes



Tip Top Formula Nasturtium in bloom Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### **Ornamental Features**

Tip Top Formula Nasturtium features showy creamy white trumpet-shaped flowers with gold overtones and yellow throats along the stems from early summer to early fall. Its round leaves remain green in color with distinctive creamy white veins throughout the year.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Tip Top Formula Nasturtium 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, and may require the occasional pruning to look its best. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Tip Top Formula Nasturtium is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

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#### **Planting & Growing**

Tip Top Formula Nasturtium will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average conditions that are neither too wet nor too dry, and is very intolerant of standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Tip Top Formula Nasturtium is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.