

## Margarita Mint



### Margarita Mint *Mentha 'Margarita'*

Height: 15 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

#### Description:

An extraordinary mint with bright green leaves that are mottled and edged in bronze; excellent as a garnish for drinks or food; dried leaves can be used for tea; great container plant; does not spread by underground rhizomes so is less invasive

#### Edible Qualities

Margarita Mint is an annual herb that is typically grown for its edible qualities, although it does have ornamental merits as well. The fragrant pointy green leaves with showy coppery-bronze variegation which emerge chartreuse in spring are usually harvested from late spring to late summer. The leaves have a minty taste.

The leaves are most often used in the following ways:

- Cooking
- Seasoning
- Tea

#### Planting & Growing

Margarita Mint will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. 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.

This plant is quite ornamental as well as edible, and is as much at home in a landscape or flower garden as it is in a designated herb garden. It does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. 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. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.



*Margarita Mint foliage*  
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Margarita Mint is a good choice for the edible garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading 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.