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Layla Presto Blue Lavender

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Layla™ Presto Blue Lavender

Lavandula angustifolia 'Layla Presto Blue'



Layla Presto Blue Lavender flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 14 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 14 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: English Lavender, Common Lavender

Group/Class: Layla Series

Description:

A compact, upright, well branched variety presenting volumes of purplish sky blue blooms in summer to fall; an excellent choice for low, informal hedging or for use in border fronts; plant near doors and walkways where the lovely scent can be appreciated



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Ornamental Features

Layla Presto Blue Lavender has masses of beautiful spikes of fragrant lavender flowers with sky blue overtones rising above the foliage from early summer to early fall, which emerge from distinctive purple flower buds, and which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive fragrant narrow leaves remain green in colour throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Layla Presto Blue Lavender is a dense multi-stemmed annual with a mounded form. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and can be pruned at anytime. 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.

Layla Presto Blue Lavender is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Layla Presto Blue Lavender 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 14 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. Although it's not a true annual, this slow-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 should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for alkaline soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Layla Presto Blue Lavender is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage 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.