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MegaGuinea Purple New Guinea Impatiens

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Impatiens 'MegaGuinea Purple'



MegaGuinea Purple New Guinea Impatiens flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 14 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Busy Lizzie, Busy Lizzy

Group/Class: MegaGuinea Series

Description:

A vigorous, well branched variety with excellent shade and heat tolerance; provides an exceptional performance of large, textured fuchsia-purple blooms all season; no deadheading required; an outstanding choice for beds, borders or large containers

Ornamental Features

MegaGuinea Purple New Guinea Impatiens features bold fuchsia round flowers with purple overtones at the ends of the stems from mid spring to early fall. Its attractive pointy leaves emerge light green in spring, turning dark green in colour with distinctive red veins and tinges of burgundy throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

MegaGuinea Purple New Guinea Impatiens is a dense 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 plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

MegaGuinea Purple New Guinea Impatiens is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

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Planting & Growing

MegaGuinea Purple New Guinea Impatiens will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 14 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 partial shade to shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. 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 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 cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

MegaGuinea Purple New Guinea Impatiens 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 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.