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Down Town Santa Monica Coleus

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Down Town™ Santa Monica Coleus

Solenostemon scutellarioides 'Santa Monica'



Down Town Santa Monica Coleus foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 14 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 14 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Down Town Series

Description:

This stunning series features small, fine textured, colorful serrated leaves on compact plants; perfect for patio containers or small spaces in the garden; low maintenance; shade or sun, this beauty will flourish all season long

Ornamental Features

Down Town Santa Monica Coleus' attractive serrated narrow leaves remain burgundy in colour with showy buttery yellow variegation and tinges of hot pink throughout the season on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth.

Landscape Attributes

Down Town Santa Monica Coleus is an herbaceous annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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. The flowers of this plant may actually detract from its ornamental features, so they can be removed as they appear. 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.

Down Town Santa Monica Coleus is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

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Planting & Growing

Down Town Santa Monica Coleus will grow to be about 14 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. 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 requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in 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 pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. 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.

Down Town Santa Monica Coleus 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 canvas of foliage against which the larger 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.