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## Little Hero Spry Marigold



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*Tagetes patula 'Little Hero Spry'*

Height: 8 inches

Spread: 10 inches

Spacing: 8 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: French Marigold

Group/Class: Little Hero Series

#### Description:

This beautiful compact, dwarf variety produces gorgeous bicolor blooms all season long; fragrant green, fern-like foliage; heat and frost tolerant; low maintenance makes this plant ideal for patio containers, hanging baskets and garden landscapes

#### Ornamental Features

Little Hero Spry Marigold features bold semi-double scarlet pincushion flowers with orange overtones and yellow centers at the ends of the stems from late spring to late summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its fragrant ferny leaves remain green in colour throughout the season.

#### Landscape Attributes

Little Hero Spry Marigold 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. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. 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.

Little Hero Spry Marigold is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Little Hero Spry Marigold flowers*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



*Little Hero Spry Marigold in bloom*  
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- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

### Planting & Growing

Little Hero Spry Marigold will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 8 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. 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 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, 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.

Little Hero Spry Marigold 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 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.