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# **Celebrette Strawberry Star New Guinea Impatiens**



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Impatiens 'Balcebstar'

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: New Guinea Impatiens, Busy Lizzie, Busy Lizzy

Group/Class: Celebrette Series

#### **Description:**

A lovely self-cleaning variety needing little to no maintenance, perfect for garden beds, borders and containers; well branched, mounded habit with excellent shade tolerance; large, vibrant flowers nestle atop deep green foliage on compact plants



Celebrette Strawberry Star New Guinea Impatiens flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### **Ornamental Features**

Celebrette Strawberry Star New Guinea Impatiens features bold shell pink round flowers with cherry red stripes at the ends of the stems from mid spring to early fall. Its pointy leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Celebrette Strawberry Star 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 bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Celebrette Strawberry Star 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**

Celebrette Strawberry Star New Guinea Impatiens will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 10 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 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.

Celebrette Strawberry Star 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 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.