

# Stonegate Gardens

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## First Romance Lily



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*Lilium 'First Romance'*

Plant Height: 18 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Group/Class: Romance Series Asiatic Hybrid



*First Romance Lily flowers*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

### Description:

A lovely upward facing bloom that features pink-violet petals with golden centers, white edges, and dark red spots; a very noticeable summer presentation for borders, gardens or containers

### Ornamental Features

First Romance Lily features bold lightly-scented pink trumpet-shaped flowers with violet overtones, gold throats and white edges at the ends of the stems from early to mid summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its narrow leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season.

### Landscape Attributes

First Romance Lily is an herbaceous perennial with a rigidly upright and towering 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 be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects
- Disease

First Romance Lily is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

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### Planting & Growing

First Romance Lily will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, 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. The flower stalks can be weak and so it may require staking in exposed sites or excessively rich soils. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

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. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by multiplication of the underground bulbs; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

First Romance Lily is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.