# **Stonegate Gardens**

### **Topspin Rose Begonia**

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Topspin™ Rose Begonia *Begonia 'Topspin Rose'* 

Height: 10 inches Spread: 10 inches Spacing: 8 inches Sunlight: **O O** Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Topspin Series

#### **Description:**

A stunning variety of begonia, featuring beautiful rose colored flowers sitting on top of dark green glossy foliage; compact variety making it ideal for hanging baskets and patio containers as well as garden borders; blooms from spring into early fall

#### **Ornamental Features**

Topspin Rose Begonia features dainty rose orchid-like flowers with yellow centers at the ends of the stems from mid spring to early fall. Its serrated lobed leaves remain dark green in color with distinctive red edges throughout the season.

#### Landscape Attributes

Topspin Rose Begonia is an 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 is a high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. 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.

Topspin Rose Begonia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Topspin Rose Begonia flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Topspin Rose Begonia in bloom Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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### **Planting & Growing**

Topspin Rose Begonia will grow to be about 10 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 annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. You may want to keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. 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.

Topspin Rose Begonia 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.