## **Stonegate Gardens**

### **Osticade Lemon African Daisy**

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Osticade<sup>™</sup> Lemon African Daisy Osteospermum 'Osticade Lemon'

Height: 12 inches Spread: 22 inches Spacing: 12 inches Sunlight: **O** Hardiness Zone: (annual) Group/Class: Osticade Series

#### **Description:**

Perfect for hanging baskets, this mounded-semi trailing variety blooms early and consistently throughout the season; features large, pale lemon yellow blooms with deep golden eyes; excellent performance in containers, garden beds and fresh arrangements

#### **Ornamental Features**

Osticade Lemon African Daisy is bathed in stunning lemon yellow daisy flowers with gold eyes at the ends of the stems from early summer to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its spiny narrow leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

#### Landscape Attributes

Osticade Lemon African Daisy 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 plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Osticade Lemon African Daisy is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Osticade Lemon African Daisy flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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### **Planting & Growing**

Osticade Lemon African Daisy will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 22 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. 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 highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Osticade Lemon African Daisy 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.