## **Stonegate Gardens**

### Hot+ Pretty Heaven Lobelia

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# Hot+ Pretty Heaven Lobelia Lobelia 'Hot Plus Pretty Heaven'

Hardiness Zone: (annual)
Group/Class: Hot+ Series

#### **Description:**

A wonderful heat tolerant and uniform series, showing excellent performance in garden beds and containers; heavy basal branching and long season flowering; larger, brighter and more vibrant blooms are presented over small green foliage



Hot+ Pretty Heaven Lobelia flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### **Ornamental Features**

Hot+ Pretty Heaven Lobelia is covered in stunning powder blue flowers with a creamy white flare at the ends of the stems from early spring to early fall. Its narrow leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Hot+ Pretty Heaven Lobelia 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, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Hot+ Pretty Heaven Lobelia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

#### **Planting & Growing**

Hot+ Pretty Heaven Lobelia will grow to be about 12 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 12 inches apart. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

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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 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.

Hot+ Pretty Heaven Lobelia 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 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.