

# Stonegate Gardens

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## Smitten Kitten Iris



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*Iris 'Smitten Kitten'*

Height: 22 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Group/Class: Intermediate Bearded

#### Description:

An early blooming intermediate bearded variety, perfect for garden beds and borders; cream colored blooms with pale rose falls and creamy white beards tipped in peach rise above green, sword-like foliage



*Smitten Kitten Iris flowers*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### Ornamental Features

Smitten Kitten Iris features bold creamy white flag-like flowers with rose falls at the ends of the stems in mid spring. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its sword-like leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

#### Landscape Attributes

Smitten Kitten Iris is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects

Smitten Kitten Iris is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use

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### Planting & Growing

Smitten Kitten Iris will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium 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. 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 somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.