## **Golden Acre Home & Garden**

### **Delta Speedy Blue With Blotch Pansy**



Delta™ Speedy Blue With Blotch Pansy

Viola x wittrockiana 'Delta Speedy Blue with Blotch'

Height: 5 inches

Spread: 8 inches

Spacing: 5 inches

Sunlight: O

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Winter Pansy, Violet

Group/Class: Delta Speedy Series

#### **Description:**

This variety produces spectacular blooms that are powder blue with dramatic, nearly black blotches; flowers early and persistently all season, even in low light; well branched with a free flowing habit

#### **Ornamental Features**

Delta Speedy Blue With Blotch Pansy has masses of beautiful powder blue flowers with a indigo blotch at the ends of the stems from early spring to late fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its serrated round leaves remain dark green in colour throughout the season.

#### Landscape Attributes

Delta Speedy Blue With Blotch Pansy is an herbaceous annual with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. 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.

Delta Speedy Blue With Blotch Pansy is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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





Delta Speedy Blue With Blotch Pansy flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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### Planting & Growing

Delta Speedy Blue With Blotch Pansy will grow to be only 4 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 5 inches apart. Although it's not a true annual, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. 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 highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. Consider covering it with a thick layer of mulch in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Delta Speedy Blue With Blotch Pansy 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.