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### **Double Play Big Bang Spirea**



# Double Play Big Bang® Spirea Spiraea 'Tracy'

Height: 3 feet
Spread: 3 feet
Sunlight: O

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Group/Class: Double Play Series

#### **Description:**

This variety features orange-red emerging foliage that transitions to deep yellow; clusters of pink and hot pink blooms in spring and summer; a fantastic garden focal point for the spring and summer

#### **Ornamental Features**

Double Play Big Bang Spirea features showy clusters of shell pink flowers with hot pink eyes at the ends of the branches from mid spring to mid summer. It has yellow deciduous foliage which emerges red in spring. The serrated pointy leaves turn an outstanding brick red in the fall.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Double Play Big Bang Spirea is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. 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.

Double Play Big Bang Spirea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover



Double Play Big Bang Spirea flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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#### **Planting & Growing**

Double Play Big Bang Spirea will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. 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.



Double Play Big Bang Spirea foliage Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder