



## **Novella Rose Lavatera**

*Lavatera 'Novella Rose'*

Height: 14 inches

Spread: 10 inches

Spacing: 8 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Rose Mallow

### **Description:**

These bright pink trumpet-shaped flowers bloom late spring to fall; maintaining its dwarf compact size in patio containers, these plants can grow slightly larger if planted in gardens.

### **Ornamental Features**

Novella Rose Lavatera features showy rose trumpet-shaped flowers with rose anthers at the ends of the stems from late spring to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its lobed leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

### **Landscape Attributes**

Novella Rose Lavatera is an open herbaceous annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Novella Rose Lavatera is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



*Novella Rose Lavatera flowers*  
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### **Planting & Growing**

Novella Rose Lavatera will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 8 inches apart. It tends to be leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and should be underplanted with lower-growing perennials. 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, and is able to handle environmental salt. 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.

Novella Rose Lavatera 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.