

Candytuft Mixed - Seeds - buy 1 get 1 free



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Description The candytuft plant (*Iberis sempervirens*) is a European native that has adapted well to all climates. The 12- to 18-inch beauty is a flowering, evergreen perennial with a few must do's for appropriate candytuft care and continued performance.

With its small, white, cloud-like flowers, this small evergreen perennial is perfect for edging or cascading over rock-wall ledges.

Common name: candytuft or globe candytuft

Color: usually white, but some cultivars have pink or lilac blooms

Bloom time: mid-spring

Height: Height: 0.5 to 1 feet

Spread: 1 to 2 feet

Difficulty level: Easy

Planting & Care

For the beginning gardener and people with poor garden soils, here is an easy and fast-growing plant. Candytuft is actually a small, evergreen bush. Its small, compact growth and tolerance of poor soil, makes it popular in rock gardens. Fragrant tufts of candy-like red, white and pink colored flowers bloom from summer to autumn.

There are both annual and perennial varieties.

Sunlight: They prefer full to partial sun

Soil: They will do well in average or poor soils, and tolerate dry soil conditions.

Water: Water candytuft deeply, providing approximately 1 inch of water every week that it doesn't rain. Wait a few more days to water if the top of the soil feels moist, as the soil should dry slightly between waterings. Too little water is preferable to too much, as candytuft may rot in soggy soil.

Fertilizer: Work a small handful of fertilizer in a ring around the plant beginning in early spring, using no more than 4 to 5 pounds for every 100 feet of growing space. Fertilize two more times during the growing season, with feedings spaced about six weeks apart. Use a low-nitrogen fertilizer with a ratio such as 5-10-5, as too much nitrogen may cause lush growth but few blooms.

Care:

- Prune one-third to one-half of the growth after blooming ends in early summer, as allowing the blooms to go to seed results in weakened growth.
- The plant fills out in time for spring blooming.
- In some cases, pruning encourages another flush of blooms.
- Spread 1 to 2 inches of mulch around candytuft in spring.
- A mulch such as shredded bark or dry grass clippings promotes moisture retention, controls weeds and enriches the soil.

Use

Ornamental use:

- With masses of white flowers appearing in early spring, providing contrast to the dark green foliage, Purity candytuft is ideal for borders, edging, or spilling over a rock wall.
- Like all candytuft varieties, "Purity" is an easygoing plant that requires little maintenance.
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