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Little Princess Spirea
Spiraea japonica 'Little Princess'

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3

Description:

A deservedly popular garden detail shrub with showy flat-topped clusters of bright pink flowers in early summer held above the foliage; forms a dense and tight mound, very attractive in groupings; needs full sun and well-drained soil

Ornamental Features

Little Princess Spirea is draped in stunning clusters of pink flowers at the ends of the branches from late spring to early summer. It has emerald green deciduous foliage which emerges chartreuse in spring. The small serrated pointy leaves turn an outstanding coppery-bronze in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Little Princess 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.

Little Princess Spirea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use



Little Princess Spirea flowers
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Little Princess Spirea in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Little Princess Spirea will grow to be about 24 inches 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 may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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 applying a thick mulch around the root zone in both summer and winter to conserve soil moisture and protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

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