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**Vanessa™ Compact Optik  
Lavender Verbena**

***Verbena 'Vanessa Compact Optik  
Lavender'***

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 20 inches

Spacing: 16 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Vervain

Group/Class: Vanessa Series

**Description:**

A showy variety producing vibrant flower clusters sitting on top of green foliage; a compact habit makes it the ideal addition to hanging baskets, containers and garden beds; self cleaning; excellent powdery mildew resistance

**Ornamental Features**

Vanessa Compact Optik Lavender Verbena features showy clusters of lavender star-shaped flowers with white centers at the ends of the stems from late spring to mid fall. Its small serrated pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

**Landscape Attributes**

Vanessa Compact Optik Lavender Verbena is an herbaceous annual with a mounded form. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. 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.

Vanessa Compact Optik Lavender Verbena is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



*Vanessa Compact Optik Lavender Verbena flowers*  
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### **Planting & Growing**

Vanessa Compact Optik Lavender Verbena will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 16 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. 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 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. 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.

Vanessa Compact Optik Lavender Verbena 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.