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### **Gisele® Purple Phlox**

***Phlox 'KLEPX20586'***

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 16 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Summer Phlox

Group/Class: Gisele Series

#### **Description:**

This gorgeous selection features fuchsia flower clusters on top of green foliage; its mounded yet trailing habit create the perfect addition to containers, hanging baskets and landscapes; heat tolerant; remove old faded flowers to encourage new growth

#### **Ornamental Features**

Gisele Purple Phlox is smothered in stunning fragrant fuchsia star-shaped flowers with rose eyes at the ends of the stems from late spring to late summer. Its narrow leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Gisele Purple Phlox is a dense herbaceous annual with a mounded form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

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. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds 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.

Gisele Purple Phlox is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



*Gisele Purple Phlox flowers*  
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### **Planting & Growing**

Gisele Purple Phlox will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 16 inches apart. This annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. 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. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Gisele Purple Phlox 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.

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