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## Gigi Cream Alstroemeria Alstroemeria 'Gigi Cream'

Height: 24 inches Spread: 24 inches Spacing: 18 inches Sunlight: 0 0

Hardiness Zone: (annual) Other Names: Peruvian Lily

### **Description:**

This standout variety presents stunning creamy-yellow blooms with buttery centers and fine burgundy spots: mounded, crisp green foliage with cream edges adds interest: blooms last well as cut flowers



Gigi Cream Alstroemeria flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### **Ornamental Features**

Gigi Cream Alstroemeria features showy bracted yellow trumpet-shaped flowers with burgundy throats and burgundy spots at the ends of the stems from early summer to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive pointy leaves remain green in color with distinctive creamy white edges throughout the season.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Gigi Cream Alstroemeria is an 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 is a relatively low maintenance plant, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Gigi Cream Alstroemeria is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



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### **Planting & Growing**

Gigi Cream Alstroemeria will grow to be about 20 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 inches apart. Although it's not a true annual, this plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. 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. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Gigi Cream Alstroemeria is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.