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Kirigami Oregano

Origanum 'Kirigami'

Height: 10 inches

Spread: 14 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5b

Other Names: Ornamental Oregano, Wintersweet, Marjoram

Description:

An ornamental, non-culinary variety that features large, purple-green bracts, rose pink flowers and clear, light green foliage with a wonderful fragrance; dense, mounded, and slightly trailing; excellent late season color for a rock garden or border front

Ornamental Features

Kirigami Oregano features showy spikes of lavender trumpet-shaped flowers with pink overtones and rose bracts at the ends of the stems from late spring to late summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive fragrant oval leaves emerge chartreuse in spring, turning light green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Kirigami Oregano is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.



Kirigami Oregano flowers
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Kirigami Oregano in bloom
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This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. 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.

Kirigami Oregano is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets



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Planting & Growing

Kirigami Oregano will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 14 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. 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.

Kirigami Oregano 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 and foliage against which the larger 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.