

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHERE DO THESE GO IN GARDEN?

Use Persian shield in shady borders where its unique silvery purple sheen outdoes most flowers. Even in climates where it will not survive the winter, Persian shield makes a great summer bedding plant, mixing well with colorful flowering annuals. Grow Persian shield in a container, bringing indoors when temperatures drop.

WHAT IS NEEDED FOR WINTER CARE?

Keep above freezing. Plants rest from November through April. They may drop some foliage though not much. Place in a bright-lighted room or sunny window and reduce watering to once a week.

IS THERE ANY GOOD PEST PREVENTION?

Monthly misting with a solution of soapy water will insure glossy pest free leaves. Mix one half teaspoon of standard liquid dish soap in quart spray bottle of water, shake, and mist the plant profusely.

MY PLANT LOST IT LEAVES BECAUSE IT GOT TOO COLD?

If you leave it outside in the fall too late and temperatures drop below 50F, some of the leaves will probably fall away. Bring them back inside and the leaves will grow back. If they do lose their leaves, you should cut them back to about two thirds of their size.

DO I NEED TO PRUNE THEM?

Yearly pruning is recommended during late fall. Trim about 1/3 to 1/2 of the growth off of any healthy branches. Also, remove small spindly twigs at base and any dead or damaged branches too. New growth will occur in a bushier habit. Flowers ensue from new growth.

FIRST THINGS FIRST...

When your plant arrives from Roberta's, remove from the shipping box immediately.

Remove plastic bag and/or sleeve from around potted plant(s). Discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil. Pull away any yellow or brown leaves that may have occurred during transit. If you can not plant it into garden or larger pot within a few days, make sure it stays well watered.

When ready to plant, do the job as early in the day as possible to avoid extreme soil temperatures that prevent proper water uptake from the roots. Water them in well and whisper a few words of wisdom.

Thank you for your order!

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PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



Persian Shield
(*Strobilanthes dyerianus*)

QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:	Partial Sun - Partial Shade
USDA HARDINESS ZONES:	9 to 11
PLANTING DISTANCE:	24-36 inches
MATURE HEIGHT/SPREAD:	2-3 feet 15-20 inches per plant
BLOOM TIME:	N/A
PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS: (soil preparation, depth, which end is up, etc.)	Unpack your plants immediately removing any packing material. Transplant into larger 8 inch containers separately or together in one larger container.

PLANTING GUIDE

1
STEP

Unpack your plants immediately removing any packing material. Water immediately. Cut away any yellow or brown leaves or broken stems that may have occurred. This grooming is completely normal and will take place as the plant grows. New leaves and stems appear as the old ones are cut away.

2
STEP

Transplant into larger 8 inch containers separately or together in one larger container. Water again and about once a week all year round.

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STEP

You can place plants outside as long as evening temperatures stay above 55 degrees Fahrenheit. Plants prefer partial sun or partial shade.

4
STEP

These plants respond to regular weekly fertilizing from March through August. These are hardy down to about 40 degrees Fahrenheit without damaging the plant.

CONTINUING CARE

KEY TIPS

Yearly pruning is recommended during late fall. Trim about one third to one half of the growth off of any healthy branches. Also, remove small spindly twigs at base and any dead or damaged branches too. New growth will occur in a bushier habit. Flowers ensue from new growth.

SHELF LIFE

Water the plants thoroughly letting the excess water drain through the bottom of the pot(s).

PLANT PREPARATION

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POTTED PLANTS

Transplant into larger 8 inch containers separately or together in one larger container. You can transplant one pot size per year in spring or summer up to a 12 inch container per plant.

SUPPORT

Classified as a shrub, they can be grown without support.

SOIL

They like bagged potting mixes for houseplants that will drain well. Most garden centers carry various brand names with perlite, vermiculite, soil and sand.

GARDEN PREPARATION

Persian Shield does well in partial shade. Indoors, Persian shield needs a bright location. Keep Persian shield out of direct mid-day sun in summer. It does best with direct sun in the morning and shade in the afternoon.

PLANTING SPACING

If planting in garden space 24-26 inches apart.

PLANT HEIGHT AND WIDTH

These will 2 - 3 feet tall and 15-20 inches wide.

WATER

Water the plants thoroughly letting the excess water drain through the bottom of the pot. Be sure to keep excess water out of any saucer underneath pot. They need only average watering of about once a week year round.

FERTILIZER

To promote more flowers use a well balanced fertilizer like Roberta's Flower Magic Plant Food (M7503) once a week March through August. They enjoy leaf feeding as often as you like.

LIGHTING

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BLOOMING

These plants do not bloom. They are sought after for their metallic blue and purple foliage.

TEMPERATURE ZONE 9 to 11

When nights stay above 50 degrees you can place your plants outside and leave them there all summer long- the hotter the better. When temperatures drop below 50 degrees in the autumn, bring your plants inside. If you live where nights rarely drop below 35 degrees, you can leave your plants outside year round.

WINTER CARE

Plants slow down a little from November through April. They may drop some foliage though not much. Place in a bright-lighted room. or sunny window.

PRUNING

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GROOMING

Cut away any yellow, brown leaves or broken stems that naturally occur.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE



Persian Shield
Shipped
As Shown



Close up
of leaf



In cold winter garden
treated as an annual



In tropical garden



Persian Shield
in pot