

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## WHY DO WE LOVE COLEUS?

We love coleus because when it comes to annuals, foliage is incredibly important. It is an essential way to add deep texture and lushness to the garden almost instantaneously. Furthermore, they will transform the dark, drab and dreary areas around the garden or home with mighty coloration from spring to fall.

## DO THEY LIKE SUN OR SHADE?

Miraculously, this collection is suitable for both the shady or sunny garden, whereas most coleus cannot handle the sun. The absolute best spot in the garden is one that receives morning sun followed by afternoon shade. This will encourage the most vivid coloration of the foliage. However, they can be successfully grown in the partial shade all the way to the part sun.

## WHAT IS PINK REEF LIKE?

Pink Reef brings exceptionally bright coral pink foliage in elegantly cut foliage. Each plant will grow about 20-24" tall and 16-20" wide.

## WHAT IS COPPER CORAL LIKE?

Copper Coral produces sizzling copper red foliage with chartreuse edges that are deeply lobed and present an incredible performance in the garden, especially when they produce purple and blue flower spikes. They will grow about 18-24" tall and 16-20" wide.

## WHAT IS FISH NET LIKE?

Fish Net is slightly taller, topping out at 36-48" tall and 18-24" wide. Its sea green leaves with violet veining and filigreed edges makes this vigorous grower a real standout in the garden.

## WILL THEY FLOWER?

There is a good probability that your coleus will indeed flower. However, as they flower the plants will start to put lots of energy into producing the flowers and the foliage itself may lose some vigor. By plucking off the flower spikes before they blossom, you can encourage the plant to continue producing robust foliage as opposed to flowers. The choice is yours, but in our opinion we prefer to regularly pluck the flowers to maintain the plants' size.

## WHAT ARE SOME NICE COMPANION PLANTS?

Begonias, lamium, digitalis, heuchera, sempervivum, sedum, and viola all make excellent companions.

## FIRST THINGS FIRST...

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

Remove plastic bag and 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't 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.



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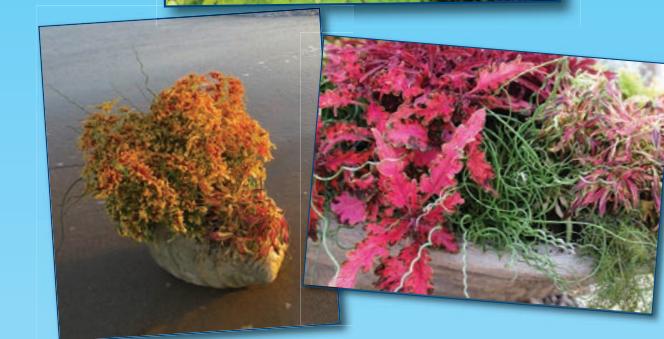
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PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



Sun or Shade  
Colorful Coleus Collection  
(Plectranthus scutellarioides hybrids)



## QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:	Full Shade to Part Shade
USDA HARDINESS ZONES:	10-11
PLANT TYPE	Annual
PLANTING DISTANCE:	8-16 inches
MATURE HEIGHT/SPREAD:	Pink Reef & Copper Coral 18-24 inches/ 16-20 inches; Fish Net 36-48 inches / 18-24 inches
BLOOM TIME:	Summer
PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS: (soil preparation, depth, which end is up, etc.)	Remove plastic bag and/or sleeve from around potted plants(s). Discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil. Transplant into the garden as soon as evening temperatures stay above 40F.

## PLANTING GUIDE

1 STEP	Remove plastic bag and sleeve from around potted plant(s). Discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil. Pull away any yellow or brown leaves or spent flowers that may have occurred during transit. If you cannot plant it into garden or larger pot within a few days, make sure it stays well watered.
2 STEP	Transplant into a larger 12-16 inch container or together in larger container with adequate drainage holes. They can also be planted directly in garden spacing adequately. Water in well.
3 STEP	You should place plants outside as long as evening temperatures stay above 50 degrees Fahrenheit. They grow in part shade to part sun

## CONTINUING CARE

### PLANT PREPARATION

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### POTTED PLANTS

Repot the plants into larger 12-16 inch pots separately or together in larger containers.

### SOIL

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

### GARDEN PREPARATION

If your soil is clayish amend it with a standard garden soil for adequate drainage.

### PLANTING SPACING

If planting into the garden space them 8-16 inches apart. If planting into a container allow for adequate air ventilation on deck or patio.

### PLANT HEIGHT AND WIDTH

Pink Reef & Copper Coral will grow about 18-24 inches tall and 16-20 inches wide while Fish Net will grow about 36-48 inches tall and 18-24 inches wide

### WATER

These require just average watering.

### FERTILIZER

To promote more flowers use a well balanced fertilizer like Roberta's Flower Magic Plant Food (M7503) once a month April through August.

### LIGHTING

These prefer part shade to part sun.

### BLOOMING

They may bloom in summer.

### TEMPERATURE ZONE 10 to 11

When nights stay above 50 degrees, place your plants outside and leave them there all season.

### WINTER SEASON

These are annuals and can't take a freeze. In warm winter areas, plants will only partially go dormant.

## ADDITIONAL REFERENCE



Coleus  
Shipped as Shown



Pink Reef's vibrant foliage



Fish Net produces a wonderful mounding habit



Copper Coral will perform in sun and shade