

# Tres Amigos®

## *Abelia grandiflora*

A vibrant tri-color foliage show!

For gardeners on the hunt for elegant, but interesting foliage. Tres Amigos abelia seems to change each time you visit it out in the garden. In spring it starts out with green, cream, pink, and yellow-tinged foliage. Its most vibrant color is yellow, bringing sunshine into the slowly filling garden. By summer, the yellow has left completely and the pink edge on the leaf takes over. The new growth at the end of each stem is almost entirely a warm watermelon pink with sporadically placed white flowers. Each flower is fluted, perfect for inviting hummingbirds and butterflies into the garden, and has a lovely jasmine-like fragrance. Its compact habit suits it nicely for use at the front of the border, in containers, and in mixed borders with perennials and annuals.

Top reasons to grow Tres Amigos abelia:

- Remarkable tricolor foliage
- A summer-long show of fragrant white flowers
- Compact habit fits easily into many gardens

Fragrant Flower

Long Blooming

Foliage Interest

**Attracts:** Butterflies, Hummingbirds

**Resists:** Deer

### CHARACTERISTICS

**Plant Type:** Shrub

**Shrub Type:** Evergreen

**Height Category:** Short

**Garden Height:** 24 - 36 Inches

**Spacing:** 24 - 36 Inches

**Spread:** 24 - 60 Inches

**Flower Colors:** White

**Flower Shade:** Pure white

**Foliage Colors:** Green, Pink, White, Yellow

**Foliage Shade:** Variegated

**Habit:** Mounded

**Container Role:** Filler

### PLANT NEEDS

**Light Requirement:**

Part Sun to Sun

The optimum amount of sun or shade each plant needs to thrive: Full Sun (6+ hours), Part Sun (4-6 hours), Full Shade (up to 4 hours).

**Maintenance Category:** Easy

**Blooms On:** New Wood

**Bloom Time:** Summer through Fall

**Hardiness Zones:** 6a, 6b, 7a, 7b, 8a, 8b, 9a, 9b

**Water Category:** Average

**Soil Fertility Requirement:** Average Soil

**Uses:** Border Plant, Container, Edging Plant, Landscape, Mass Planting

**Uses Notes:** Looks at home in mixed beds with perennials, annuals, and other shrubs. It can also be used as a low hedge or at the front of a border as a taller hedging.

**Maintenance Notes:** Abelia are easy-care plants that need little regular maintenance. Can be lightly trimmed to shape in spring, after the new growth begins to emerge, if you wish.

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