

Sgt. Pepper™ Dogwood

Cornus alba

Stately color in two extremes. The first is a refreshing bright green and cream, with hints of pale pink on the margins. The second is in fall when the whole plant erupts into a fabulous burgundy and hot pink duo. Even the stems are burgundy! If you've ever seen a tri-color beech, Sgt. Pepper dogwood is a lot like that, but in a much easier to use form. With its large size, it makes a great anchor for the garden. You can position it at the back of the garden to work as a foundation plant, breaking up the straight lines of a building with its rounded form. It would also make an incredible hedge or specimen plant. Top reasons to grow Sgt. Pepper dogwood? Bright color; Useful large habit; Adaptable to many different garden conditions; Foliage Interest; Fall Interest; Winter Interest

CHARACTERISTICS

Plant Type: Shrub

Shrub Type: Deciduous

Height Category: Tall

Garden Height: 48 - 72 Inches 1.2m - 1.8m

Spacing: 72 - 96 Inches 1.8m - 2.4m

Spread: 72 - 96 Inches 1.8m - 2.4m

Flower Colors: White

Foliage Colors: Variegated green and white

Habit: Upright

Container Role: Thriller

PLANT NEEDS

Light Requirement: Sun; Part Shade

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: Old Wood

Bloom Time: Spring

Hardiness Zones: 3a, 3b, 4a, 4b, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7a, 7b

Water Category: Average

Uses: Border Plant; Container; Cut Flower; Landscape; Mass Planting

Uses Notes: Beautiful in mass plantings or as a specimen.

Maintenance Notes: The best red color appears on one and two-year-old stems; older stems will turn corky and brown. If the stem coloring is one your favorite aspects, plan to do some rejuvenation pruning to maintain a colorful display. Every three to five years, cut out one-third of the oldest stems. Early spring is the best time to prune. If desired, apply a granular fertilizer formulated for trees and shrubs at pruning time.

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