Double Play® Painted Lady® Spirea

Spiraea japonica 'Minspi'



Double Play Painted Lady Spirea flowers
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Double Play Painted Lady Spirea in bloom
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Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Description:

An outstanding shrub for color effect in the garden, with yellow and cream variegated foliage, and flat-topped clusters of contrasting hot pink flowers in early summer that are visually stunning; forms a dense, compact mound that is neat and tidy

Ornamental Features

Double Play Painted Lady Spirea features showy clusters of hot pink flowers at the ends of the branches from late spring to early summer, which emerge from distinctive brick red flower buds. It has attractive yellow-variegated green foliage with hints of creamy white. The small serrated pointy leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding coppery-bronze in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Double Play Painted Lady Spirea is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. 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.

Double Play Painted Lady Spirea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Double Play Painted Lady Spirea will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.