



# Hydrangea, Pistachio Hydrangea macrophylla 'Horwack'

Height: 4 feet Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: **●** 

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: French Hydrangea, Bigleaf Hydrangea

Group/Class: Forever and Ever Series

# **Description:**

Magnificent blooms of pink or lavender, with bright green petal tips and edges; a compact plant that is awash in color all summer; pink or blue tone depends on soil type; a sensational ornamental shrub for the shade garden

#### **Ornamental Features**

Hydrangea, Pistachio features showy clusters of pink flowers with lavender overtones and light green edges at the ends of the branches from early to late summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has forest green deciduous foliage. The glossy pointy leaves turn an outstanding burgundy in the fall.

## **Landscape Attributes**

Hydrangea, Pistachio is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a mounded form. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Hydrangea, Pistachio is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use



Hydrangea, Pistachio flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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### **Planting & Growing**

Hydrangea, Pistachio will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub does best in partial shade to shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for acidic soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in both summer and winter to conserve soil moisture and protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

### Special Attributes

Grows best in Eastern Washington and Oregon Desert climate, when shaded from 11 am to 7 pm.