Symphytum, Axminster Gold Russian Comfrey

Symphytum x uplandicum 'Axminster Gold'

Plant Height: 18 inches

Flower Height: 5 feet

Spread: 30 inches

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Description:

This attractive variety is grown primarily in borders or gardens for its lovely foliage and bluebell like flowers rising above the mound; a medium spreading clump, it features crinkled gray-green leaves with wide yellow margins; visually stunning

Ornamental Features

Symphytum, Axminster Gold Russian Comfrey features delicate clusters of rose bell-shaped flowers with purple overtones at the ends of the stems from late spring to early summer, which emerge from distinctive pink flower buds. Its attractive pointy leaves remain grayish green in color with distinctive yellow edges throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Symphytum, Axminster Gold Russian Comfrey is an herbaceous perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Symphytum, Axminster Gold Russian Comfrey is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Symphytum, Axminster Gold Russian Comfrey flowers
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Symphytum, Axminster Gold Russian Comfrey in bloom
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- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting



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Planting & Growing

Symphytum, Axminster Gold Russian Comfrey will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 5 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 30 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 inches apart. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in partial shade to shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Symphytum, Axminster Gold Russian Comfrey is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.