Nepeta, Cat's Pajamas Catmint

Nepeta 'Cat's Pajamas'



Nepeta, Cat's Pajamas Catmint flowers
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Height: 12 inches

Spread: 20 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Description:

A very showy catmint producing masses of indigo blue flowers from late spring to mid-summer; rosy purple calyxes extend color when blooms are spent; shear after flowering to promote re-blooming

Ornamental Features

Nepeta, Cat's Pajamas Catmint has masses of beautiful spikes of lightly-scented indigo flowers with blue overtones and purple calyces rising above the foliage from late spring to mid summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its small fragrant pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Nepeta, Cat's Pajamas Catmint is a dense herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Self-Seeding



Nepeta, Cat's Pajamas Catmint in bloom
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Nepeta, Cat's Pajamas Catmint is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Nepeta, Cat's Pajamas Catmint will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. 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!



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This plant does best in full sun to partial 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. 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.

Nepeta, Cat's Pajamas Catmint is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.