Alyssum, Golden Spring Basket of Gold

Alyssum wulfenianum 'Golden Spring'

Plant Height: 6 inches

Flower Height: 8 inches

Spread: 14 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Madwort

Description:

This floriferous, hardy selection is perfect for edging a sunny border or accenting a rock garden; yellow flower clusters cover a mounded cushion of leaves in mid to late spring; evergreen in mild winter areas & can take drier conditions once established

Ornamental Features

Alyssum, Golden Spring Basket of Gold is blanketed in stunning clusters of fragrant yellow flowers at the ends of the stems from early to late spring. Its attractive tomentose narrow leaves remain grayish green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Alyssum, Golden Spring Basket of Gold is an herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.



Alyssum, Golden Spring Basket of Gold flowers
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Alyssum, Golden Spring Basket of Gold in bloom
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Alyssum, Golden Spring Basket of Gold is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



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Planting & Growing

Alyssum, Golden Spring Basket of Gold will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity extending to 8 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 14 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 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 full sun to partial shade. It does best in average conditions that are neither too wet nor too dry. 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 somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Alyssum, Golden Spring Basket of Gold 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 and foliage 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.