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### **Kopper Kettle Peony**

*Paeonia 'Kopper Kettle'*

Height: 32 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 30 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Itoh Peony

Group/Class: Itoh Hybrids

#### **Description:**

Elegant, large semi to double blooms that emerge a coppery-peach rose and age to soft gold with a contrasting burgundy flare in the center; healthy green foliage similar to a tree peony forms a sturdy clump; fragrant, and a beautiful cut flower

#### **Ornamental Features**

Kopper Kettle Peony features bold lightly-scented peach flowers with coppery-bronze overtones, lemon yellow eyes and a burgundy flare at the ends of the stems in late spring. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its compound leaves remain green in color throughout the season. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Kopper Kettle Peony is an herbaceous perennial with a more or less rounded form. 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 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. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease

Kopper Kettle Peony is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Kopper Kettle Peony flowers*  
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- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

### **Planting & Growing**

Kopper Kettle Peony will grow to be about 32 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 30 inches apart. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. 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.