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Pretty Lady Emily Anemone Anemone hupehensis 'Pretty Lady Emily'

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: Japanese Anemone, Windflower

Group/Class: Pretty Lady Series

Description:

An outstanding selection for the late summer garden; branching stems of pink flowers are great for cutting;; good for a partial shade area; mulch in colder winter areas; may need support; beautiful when massed or in containers



Pretty Lady Emily Anemone flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Pretty Lady Emily Anemone has masses of beautiful double pink daisy flowers with gold eyes at the ends of the stems from late summer to early fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its lobed leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Pretty Lady Emily Anemone is a dense herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects
- Disease

Pretty Lady Emily Anemone is recommended for the following landscape applications;



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- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Pretty Lady Emily Anemone will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. The flower stalks can be weak and so it may require staking in exposed sites or excessively rich soils. It grows at a medium 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! As this plant tends to go dormant in summer, it is best interplanted with late-season bloomers to hide the dying foliage.

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. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. 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.

Pretty Lady Emily Anemone 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 larger 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.