



Euphorbia Rudolph

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This new sport of *Euphorbia x martinii* was selected by renowned plantsman David Tristram. The spring blooms are the typical chartreuse green of the species, but the real show begins in autumn. As night temperatures start to drop, Rudolph begins to produce red flower bracts, and its red "noses" are fully developed in time to make a colorful show for the holiday season. Here in the Pacific Northwest, we generally see color beginning in October. *PlantHaven*; hybridized by David Tristram.

USES

Rudolph produces a compact and uniform container crop, with the added bonus of late color to extend the season. It is perfect for fall and early winter deck or porch pots in colder climates, or as a garden plant in more temperate areas.

GROWER NOTES

The following information is based on our own experience with this crop in the Pacific Northwest. Growth will vary depending on location, climate, growing medium and cultural practices. As always, where chemical use is involved, read the labels, follow the instructions and practice careful trialing methods.

- Transplant in full sun and follow with a broad-spectrum fungicide drench. Plant plugs even with the soil line.
- Fertilize sparingly and avoid overwatering to prevent the development of root diseases.
- If desired, spray plants with a growth regulator to promote basal branching 3–4 weeks after transplant.

- For best development of red bracts, have roots established and any required pinching done four weeks prior to first expected frost, so that stems are mature going into the cool weather.
- Some loss of lower foliage is normal with the onset of cool weather as "noses" develop. Space pots early in the growing season to aid foliage retention and uniform growth.
- The finish times noted are required to produce a full container. Additional time may be necessary to produce fall color, depending on growing environment, temperatures, etc.

PLANT DATA

- Height: 18–24"/24"
- Spread: 24"
- Bloom time: Mar–May
- USDA Zone: 6(-10°)

APPROXIMATE FINISH TIMES

- Gallon from 128-cell liner: 10–12 weeks
- Gallon from 72-cell liner: 6–8 weeks

PATENT INFORMATION

Asexual propagation prohibited
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