



Helleborus 'Silver Lace'

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This selection has leathery, silvery blue foliage and a compact habit that makes it less inclined to become leggy. Blooming in late winter, the light green flower clusters are held closer to the foliage than most seed-grown *argutifolius*. 'Silver Lace' is attractive all year, but after blooming, old stems may be cut down to the soil line to allow fresh new growth to develop for summer and fall. *PlantHaven*.

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Excellent for winter and early spring container sales, 'Silver Lace' has flowers that stay attractive from February through April. It is also a great addition to a late summer or fall foliage sales program, and makes a great centerpiece in large, mixed containers.

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.

- Grow in light shade, cool temperatures and soil rich in organic matter.
- Avoid planting into soils with a high nitrogen starter charge.
- Monitor root development and fertility levels early in production to avoid excess salts and prevent root problems.
- Use a preventive drench with a broad-spectrum fungicide directly after planting.
- This is a fast-growing Hellebore. Plant in spring from a 72-cell for a same-season foliage crop in 4" or gallons. For larger, blooming containers, plant in early summer or early fall, and winter over.
- To keep foliage looking great for early sales, protect during winter in colder areas in a minimum-heat greenhouse, or in an area shielded from harsh winds or temperature extremes.

PLANT DATA

- Height: 24–30"/30"
- Spread: 24"
- Bloom time: Dec–Mar
- USDA Zone: 6(-10°)

APPROXIMATE FINISH TIMES

- 4" (deep 4 recommended) from a 72-cell liner: 4–6 weeks from early spring transplant (for spring sales)
- Gallon from 72-cell liner: 8–12 weeks from spring transplant (for late spring or summer, foliage sales)
- Gallon from 72-cell liner: 22 weeks from fall transplant (for February, blooming sales)
- 2–3 gallon from 72-cell liner: 32 weeks from early summer transplant (for February sales)