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## Cool Wave® Blue Skies Pansy

*Viola x wittrockiana* 'PAS1077345'

Plant Height: 6 inches

Flower Height: 8 inches

Spread: 30 inches

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Garden Pansy, Violet

### Description:

A true trailing, cool weather pansy for spring and autumn ; creates a big impact in borders, beds, or containers; a stunning, long lasting display of purple-blue flowers with bright yellow centers and fine black streaks

### Ornamental Features

Cool Wave Blue Skies Pansy has masses of beautiful purple flowers with blue overtones, yellow eyes and black streaks at the ends of the stems from early spring to late fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its crinkled oval leaves remain green in colour throughout the season.

### Landscape Attributes

Cool Wave Blue Skies Pansy is an herbaceous annual with a trailing habit of growth, eventually spilling over the edges of hanging baskets and containers. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. 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;

- Self-Seeding

Cool Wave Blue Skies Pansy is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Cool Wave Blue Skies Pansy flowers*  
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- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

## **Planting & Growing**

Cool Wave Blue Skies Pansy will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity extending to 8 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 30 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 inches apart. Although it's not a true annual, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

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 type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. Consider covering it with a thick layer of mulch in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Cool Wave Blue Skies Pansy is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. Because of its trailing habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.