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## **Double Play Doozie® Spirea - New For 2024!**

***Spiraea 'NCSX2'***

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 30 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 3

Group/Class: Double Play Series

### **Description:**

This seedless variety features blazing, deep purple-red emerging foliage that transitions to light green; clusters of purple-red to pink blooms in spring that continue to bloom through summer ; a fantastic garden focal point or mass planting

### **Ornamental Features**

Double Play Doozie Spirea features showy clusters of red flowers with lavender overtones at the ends of the branches from mid spring to late summer. It has light green foliage with hints of coppery-bronze which emerges burgundy in spring. The serrated pointy leaves turn an outstanding brick red in the fall.

### **Landscape Attributes**

Double Play Doozie Spirea is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.



*Double Play Doozie Spirea in bloom  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*



*Double Play Doozie Spirea flowers  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

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Double Play Doozie Spirea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

### **Planting & Growing**

Double Play Doozie Spirea will grow to be about 3 feet 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 tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. 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. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.



*Double Play Doozie Spirea foliage  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*