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# LaDiva Vintage Violet Lavender Lavandula 'LaDiva Vintage Violet'

Height: 10 inches Spread: 18 inches Spacing: 16 inches

Sunlight: O

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Lavandula stoechas x angustifolia

Group/Class: LaDiva Series

## **Description:**

Long blooming with outstanding hardiness, this selection is covered with fabulously fragrant violet purple flowers; a strong, upright habit, with superior heat and humidity tolerance; ideal for borders, cottage gardens, and





LaDiva Vintage Violet Lavender flower buds Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

## **Ornamental Features**

LaDiva Vintage Violet Lavender has masses of beautiful spikes of fragrant violet flowers with lavender overtones rising above the foliage from mid spring to early fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive fragrant needle-like leaves are grayish green in colour. The foliage often turns coppery-bronze in fall.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

LaDiva Vintage Violet Lavender is a dense multi-stemmed annual with a mounded form. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and can be pruned at anytime. It is a good choice for attracting bees and 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.

LaDiva Vintage Violet Lavender is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

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#### **Planting & Growing**

LaDiva Vintage Violet Lavender will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 16 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. Although it's not a true annual, this slow-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 should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for alkaline soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

LaDiva Vintage Violet Lavender 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 and foliage against which the 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.