Artist® Blue Flossflower

Ageratum 'Agsantis'

Height: 10 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 8 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Artist Series

Description:

A wonderful heat tolerant, mounded series of self-cleaning, continuous reblooming plants; presents fluffy blue, button-like flowers with dark green foliage; a beautiful addition to garden beds, borders, window boxes and patio containers

Ornamental Features

Artist Blue Flossflower has masses of beautiful blue flat-top button flowers at the ends of the stems from late spring to mid fall, which emerge from distinctive purple flower buds, and which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its pointy leaves remain green in colour throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Artist Blue Flossflower is a dense herbaceous annual with a mounded form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and may require the occasional pruning to look its best. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds 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.



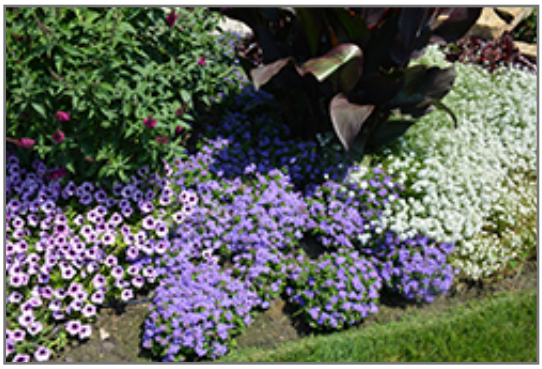
Artist Blue Flossflower flowers
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Artist Blue Flossflower in bloom
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Artist Blue Flossflower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets



Artist Blue Flossflower in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Artist Blue Flossflower will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 8 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. 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. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Artist Blue Flossflower is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers 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.