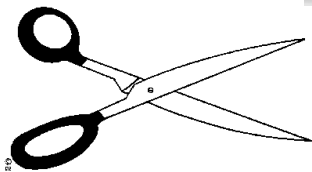


# Peony Benjamin Franklin



## *Paeonia lactiflora* 'Benjamin Franklin'

- **Use:** Peonies are classic garden plants that add a bit of nostalgia and charm to the garden. Their fragrant blooms and lush foliage have made them popular for years, and with the recent resurgence in breeding, they will continue to improve. Peonies are simple to grow and can be utilized in many ways, including mass plantings, specimens, or hedges.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full sun–light shade shade (not deep shade); Water regularly, when top 3” of soil is dry. Use slow release fertilizer twice a year. Once established needs only occasional water.
- **Growth:** Grows 24 to 30 inches tall.
- **Hardiness:** 3-8; Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Lobed leaves may go dormant in hot summers.
- **Flowers:** This one is a late bloomer. Double red, bowl-shaped flowers have a lavender touch and are held on top of red mottled stems. Wonderfully fragrant, blooming around Memorial Day. These are large roots with 3–5 eyes. **Tips:** Plant them shallow, mulch in the summer, take off the mulch in the winter, and they prefer a little afternoon shade. Cold winters will ensure lots of blossoms so plant them where they will get cold in the winter.



Huge fragrant blooms great for cutting! These vigorous plants will be filling your vases by their second or third year. Extremely long-lived and completely cold tolerant anywhere in the USA. Peonies are the official flower for a 12th Wedding Anniversary and the perfect unique gift!



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