

Charlotte Crown of Thorns



Although *Euphorbia milii* is native to Madagascar, the 'Charlotte' variety was grown for its unique ornamental qualities, making it a popular choice for houseplant and garden collections.

Toxicity: *Euphorbia milii* 'Charlotte', like other euphorbias, contains a milky latex which is toxic and can cause skin and eye irritation. It is recommended to handle this plant with care and keep it out of reach of children and pets.

Euphorbia milii 'Charlotte'

- **Uses:** Classic crown of thorns (commonly known as Christ's thorn), but with a much softer and larger bluish pink flower. A must have for any *Euphorbia milii* collector it impresses with its numerous clusters of colorful flower bracts and versatility, adaptable as a houseplant, patio plant, or garden plant.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers bright light and can tolerate some amount of direct sunlight. However, it is important to protect the plant from the scorching afternoon rays. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry. Use slow release fertilizer for best results. Needs little water once established. should be watered more frequently during the summer than in the winter. Can tolerate underwatering. It is essential to avoid overwatering. Overwatering will cause root rot. It is better to let the plant dry out between watering. Well-draining soil is essential. A mix for cacti or succulents, with pumice or perlite, is ideal to ensure good drainage.
- **Growth:** Grows 3' tall and wide slowly, but faster in warmer climates.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 9-11, Annual/ Tropical/Houseplant. Bring inside in the winter below 50 degrees.
- **Foliage:** The plant's thick woody stems are adorned with sharp spines that lend it a rose bush-like appearance. The bright green leaves are spirally arranged on each stem, dropping off as the stems mature. Deer resistant.
- **Flower:** The flowers in shades of bubblegum pink are the main attraction of this variety, appearing almost all year round under ideal conditions. The bracts cup the true flowers, which are small and form on branch tips. They add a lasting touch of color to the plant.

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