

# Cleopatra Coneflower



## *Echinacea 'Cleopatra'*

- **Use:** Incredibly vibrant golden yellow, fragrant flowers with a large, orange cone are produced on very strong, well-branched stems above a stocky clump of compact, deep green foliage. The single flowers measure a full 3-3 1/2" across since their petals are held horizontally, and they lighten to creamy yellow as they age. Continues blooming for months, when faded flowers are promptly removed. At season's end, the dried flower heads add fall interest and forage for wintering song birds.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full sun-part sun(6+hr).. Moist, well-drained soil, but not soggy. Use slow release fertilizer two times a year. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry.
- **Growth:** Moderate-growing to 16-18" tall and 16-22" wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4-8; Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Long oval leaves.
- **Flower:** We love the way the petals are semi double and how they float with a slight curl, one on top of the next, making it look like a fluttering petal (or butterfly wings) in the wind. The deep, grass green foliage contrast well with the bright, golden petals. Be sure to leave some spent blooms on the plants in the fall because their seeds provide winter food for finches and other birds. The dried seed heads also provide architectural interest in the winter.

**Named after a butterfly of the same name, Cleopatra's bright, deep golden color is reminiscent of the wings of her namesake. A bright and sunny addition to any garden, this compact, yet sturdy, well branched plant makes the perfect border or massing plant. It's also really great in a container or patio planting.**

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