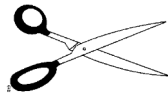


Command Performance Peony



Take a peek into the future of peonies with Command Performance. This modern peony variety has 9" wide flowers that change in color every day and has a vase life of a whopping two weeks. It also has been nicknamed "Gobstopper" due to the color change.

Paeonia 'Command Performance'

- **Use:** These long-lived, plants are classic elements of borders and beds, and they 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. They can be utilized in many ways, including mass plantings, specimens, or hedges. **WE LOVE PEONIES, BUT THEY ARE NOT A BEGINNER PLANT! LOTS OF RESEARCH NEEDED AND SOIL PREP FOR SUCCESS! PLEASE ASK FOR A HANDOUT.**
- **Exposure/Soil:** Morning sun and a little afternoon shade after 3pm preferred (not deep shade here in the South); Water regularly, when top 3" of soil is dry. Use slow release fertilizer twice a year in spring and fall. Once established needs only occasional water. In very hot summers it may go summer dormant. Soil prep is very important and must be well drained and have a pH of 6.5-7 so Georgia clay will need to be amended with dolomitic lime.
- **Growth:** Grows 3 feet tall and 2' 6" wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 3-8; Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Dark green lobed leaves.
- **Flowers:** This striking, cardinal red peony expands to a very large, fragrant flower, especially when opened indoors or sheltered from wind. The massive buds blossom into flowers that may grow up to 9" in diameter, making it one of the largest of all peony varieties. Changes from red to dark orange to salmon, then peach to cream to white. Features a spicy fragrance. A treasure for cut flower enthusiasts.
- **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 and cool in the summer too.

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