

Purplegum Candles Speedwell



Veronica spicata 'Purplegum Candles'

Veronica is highly valued for its ease of growth and long bloom time. The spiky flowers are an excellent contrast to the more common rounded flower shapes like Shasta Daisies, Coneflower, and grasses. Expect bees to be buzzing about this plant when in bloom.

- **Use:** This perennial has beautiful flower spikes with bright purple flowers. It has a longer flowering period than other Veronica and gives flowers from late spring to autumn. Remove faded flower spikes for re-bloom. Blooms in the first year! Growth is compact, has an ascending growth with strength stems and becomes about 14" high and 10" wide. This healthy, strong plant demands low maintenance. Give it a spot in the perennial border or on the balcony or terrace and enjoy the many bees and butterfly that will come to it. Also very suitable for mass planting.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Any well drained soil in full to part sun will do. One of the easier perennials to grow just trim old flowers to keep plant tidy.
- **Growth:** The plants are trailing, 8-10" tall and 8-12" wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4-8 Perennial, Mulch in winter and good drainage important.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous; elongated glossy green foliage.
- **Flower:** A free-flowering variety that makes a fabulous patio plant. Short, purple flower spikes are borne in profusion throughout summer loved by pollinators.

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