

# Desire Camellia



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## *Camellia japonica* 'Desire'

- **Use:** This beauty produces an abundance of large, 4 inch diameter formal double flowers with a whopping 60-petals that are a glowing white at the center of the flower and fade to soft pink delicately edged in deep pink to almost red. A must have for every Southern garden. Camellias bring color and elegance to the winter garden when many plants are bare. Use them to create an evergreen hedge in shady areas with winter blooms.
- **Exposure:** Prefers morning sun and afternoon shade, can tolerate more shade but you will sacrifice flowers. Afternoon sun causes leaf burn in our hot summers. Prefers a well drained neutral/acid soil. Extreme summer heat may cause leaf burn; needs some shade if planted near a white house due to reflection of sun.
- **Growth:** Moderate growing to 8 to 10 ft. tall and wide, larger with age. Plant 6-8 feet apart if creating a hedge.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 6-9; shrub
- **Foliage:** Evergreen, Glossy, dark green foliage are gorgeous year round.
- **Flower:** A true classic, greatly admired for its bright-pink buds which open into overlapping petals of very pale pink set among deeper pinks blooming in late winter. Prune only right after blooms fade.

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