

Variegated Smiling Face Camellia



Camellia x vernalis 'Shibori Egao'

- **Use:** Camellias are used as specimens, shrub borders and screens. The main ornamental feature is their showy flowers in colder winter months when other plants are dormant. The leaves of Sasanqua Camellias are much smaller and dense than the Japanese Camellias, making for a smaller more compact shrub. The Shi-Shi Camellia is a late bloomer and its form is low spreading. 'Egao' means "smiling face" in Japanese, so 'Shibori-egao' means "variegated smiling face"
- **Exposure:** Thrives in either full sun with good irrigation (and some work), but prefers partial sun (Morning Sun) . Must amend the soil! As they hate red clay! Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry.
- **Growth:** Can grow 4-5' tall and wide, but could go up to 6-8' tall over time if left unpruned. Only prune right after they bloom or you will cut out next year's flowers. Space plants 4' apart to create a hedge.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 6-9; shrub
- **Foliage:** Evergreen. Shiny, rich dark green leaves.
- **Flower:** Medium pink semi-double blooms(3-4" wide) are blotched with white due to benign virus. This same virus causes yellow variegation on some leaves. Blooms late fall (November– January)

Gorgeous flowers that tend to mutate into different shades of pink and white and we love to grow them in hedges!



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