

# Magical® Elizabeth Ashley™ Hydrangea



## *Hydrangea macrophylla 'Hokomarore' PP31264*

- **Use:** The Elizabeth Ashley Hydrangea is an amazing feat of cultivation, and a must-have for admirers of classic pink and blue hydrangeas. An exquisite reblooming variety, this hydrangea features perfectly shaped flower heads with uniform size, and pretty green eyes. You'll be astonished not only by the sheer beauty of these flowers, but by the large bloom size as well. These incredibly dense blooms have been compared to cauliflower heads, and they have the substantial stems needed to support them. Elizabeth Ashley blooms on new and old wood, too, for simple pruning. Use in borders, containers, cutting gardens, foundations, mass plantings, urban gardens
- **Exposure/Soil:** Morning sun and late afternoon shade is best. DO NOT PLANT IN FULL SUN IN THE SOUTH! (In full sun they wilt constantly in our hot summer heat and leaf burn) Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry. Keep water off leaves. Depending on soil pH, you can have vivid rose-pink or purple hydrangea flower heads.
- **Growth:** Fast-growing to 3 feet high; 3' width in only 4 years.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-9 Shrub
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Large leaves offer a lush backdrop for the showy blossoms AND TURN BURGUNDY RED IN FALL. Should you see any dead wood, prune it back to live wood in early spring, after the leaves have started to unfurl.
- **Flower:** The blooms are so dense, you hardly see the beautiful foliage under bright pink/blue flowers. Colors deepen with age until tinges of green appear on the edges of the petals (Flower color depending on soil pH) extending the display into fall. Blooms on new and old wood.

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