

# Berry White Hydrangea



**Most impressive when planted in a large row of 5+ plants**

## *Hydrangea paniculata* 'Berry White'

- **Use:** This variety has abundant, long lasting, rounded flower heads that start white and progress to pink, intense raspberry red and finally wine red. Flowers start blooming in July and take on red coloration early in the season. Flower color is best in the fall when night temperatures are 10 degrees cooler than day temperatures. This gorgeous variety is similar to 'Vanilla Strawberry', but it has stronger stems and even richer colors.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Can be planted in full sun if irrigation 1st few years. Happiest with some afternoon shade to prevent leaf burn. Slow release fertilizer late winter.
- **Growth:** Fast-growing to a very garden- and landscape-friendly 6-7' tall and 4-5' wide. best time to prune 'Berry White' is late winter or early spring (usually February or March) once the worst of the cold has passed. This will help your plant produce even more flowers; if you want, you can just shear off the ends of each branch, or if it needs intense pruning, you can cut the plant back to about one foot above the ground while it's still dormant. Paniculata hydrangeas bloom on new growth, so pruning encourages the plant to produce new stems and more flowers.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 3-8 Shrub
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Darker, healthier-looking foliage, stronger stems, and a more compact growth habit.
- **Flower:** Pink and white flowers, but they've also got stronger stems (so they're less likely to flop over from the weight of all those blooms), plus deeper, richer fall color that will add interest to your landscape even after the last days of summer have faded away. start blooming around the same time as 'Vanilla Strawberry' in mid-summer and last into the fall. In July, the cone-shape clusters of flowers will open up white, then turns dark pink, starting with the flowers at the base of each cluster. Especially when it's in bloom, there's never a bad time to admire 'Berry White', but it looks especially stunning when just some of the flowers have started to change color, leaving two-tone clusters of pink and white. Eventually, as summer ends and fall takes over, all of the blooms will change to deep pink (almost red), giving the plant even richer color than 'Vanilla Strawberry.'

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