

# Little Hottie Hydrangea



**Works well in a mixed border, woodland garden, or even a large container**

## *Hydrangea paniculata* 'Little Hottie'

- **Use:** This little hydrangea is extremely compact with great branching. Deep green leaves are a beautiful backdrop for the late summer flowers that are held up on strong and sturdy stems. The small size, reduced need for pruning, and large flowers make this an ideal choice for smaller landscapes where larger traditional panicle hydrangeas won't fit. In our gardens we have found that older specimens have some deer tolerance when the leaves get larger and rougher, but protect young plants.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Can tolerate full sun on irrigation. It can also tolerate some shade, but best show in full sun. Amend the soil and use a slow release fertilizer in spring and fall.
- **Growth:** Fast-growing to 3-5 feet high; equal width in only 3 –4 years.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4-9 Shrub
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Large, glossy, dark-green leaves.
- **Flower:** Born in a tight cluster, the blossoms are initially green and open to a creamy white. As evening temperatures drop in the fall, the petals turn antique shades of white and pink.

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