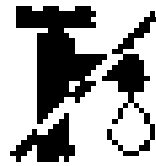


Purpurea Plena Elegans Clematis



Small-flowered clematis do not need to be pruned regularly. Only when they grow too large for their space should they be cut back. Though their growth habit makes them difficult to prune, it can be done in late winter or early spring. All shoots can be cut back to the previous year's wood, just above the base of the plant. This pruning is necessary to avoid getting a bare stem with a thick tangle above it. The spring flowers will be eliminated for that year, but the late summer flowers should still be produced. Alternatively, if you don't want to cut the entire plant back all at once, pruning can be done in stages over a period of 3 years. Each year, prune back 1/3 of the stems to 6-9 inches above a couple of well-developed buds.



Clematis viticella 'Purpurea Plena Elegans'

- **Use:** "Queen of the climbers." Clematis are prized for their incredible flowers, most as large as your hand. Will train onto trellises, fences, or arch over doorways. Stunning when used alone or when several colors are mixed. An old favorite which was introduced in England in the mid-1800s. The classic Clematis beloved by gardeners for nearly 150 years, It blooms so heavily all summer that you should abandon all hope of viewing the foliage! One of the loveliest climbers of all time, it will remain a beloved favorite as long as gardeners treasure profuse, rich color! **Award-winning classic! It was bred in the 19th century by renowned French Clematis breeder Francis Morel.**
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full sun—shade (not deep shade); Water regularly, when top 3" of soil is dry. Prefers to have its roots shaded and its flowers in the sun. Use slow release fertilizer twice a year. Once established needs only occasional water.
- **Growth:** Height 10-13 feet. Group 3—Late flowering cultivars
These varieties bloom first on new growth beginning in midsummer, and then again on new shoots in early fall. The second round will likely produce smaller flowers than the first and flowers that were double the first time may be single the second time.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4-11; Perennial, Vine
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Delicate green foliage grows quickly.
- **Flowers:** Elegant, double, reddish-purple flowers are 3-4" in diameter. Heavy bloomer from July-Oct. When the sepals drop, the resulting pompon center can remain for weeks.

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