

## Great Balls of Fire Merlot Star Ivy Leaf Geranium



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*Pelargonium peltatum* 'Great Balls of Fire Merlot Star'

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 15 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Great Balls of Fire Series

#### Features & Attributes

Great Balls of Fire Merlot Star Ivy Leaf Geranium features bold clusters of lightly-scented ruby-red flowers with pink overtones and white streaks at the ends of the stems from late spring to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its serrated pointy palmate leaves remain green in color throughout the year.

This is an herbaceous evergreen houseplant with a trailing habit of growth, eventually spilling over the edges of hanging baskets and containers. You may trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage repeat blooming.

#### Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Great Balls of Fire Merlot Star Ivy Leaf Geranium can be expected to grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 1 years. This houseplant will do well in a location that gets either direct or indirect sunlight, although it will usually require a more brightly-lit environment than what artificial indoor lighting alone can provide. It does best in average to evenly moist soil, but will not tolerate standing water. The surface of the soil shouldn't be allowed to dry out completely, and so you should expect to water this plant once and possibly even twice each week. Be aware that your particular watering schedule may vary depending on its location in the room, the pot size, plant size and other conditions; if in doubt, ask one of our experts in the store for advice. It is not particular as to soil type or pH; an average potting soil should work just fine.

There are many factors that will affect the ultimate height, spread and overall performance of a plant when grown indoors; among them, the size of the pot it's growing in, the amount of light it receives, watering frequency, the pruning regimen and repotting schedule. Use the information described here as a guideline only; individual performance can and will vary. Please contact the store to speak with one of our experts if you are interested in further details concerning recommendations on pot size, watering, pruning, repotting, etc.



*Great Balls of Fire Merlot Star Ivy Leaf Geranium flowers*  
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