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GARDEN & GIFT

## Zion™ Purple Sun African Daisy

***Osteospermum 'Zion Purple Sun'***

Height: 20 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Zion Series

**Description:**

An excellent branching and fully mounded variety, wonderful for patio containers, borders and fresh cut arrangements; large blooms in shades of orange surround a deep purple central ring; deadhead to encourage new growth

**Ornamental Features**

Zion Purple Sun African Daisy is clothed in stunning orange daisy flowers with steel blue eyes and a deep purple ring at the ends of the stems from early summer to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its spiny narrow leaves remain green in colour throughout the season.

**Landscape Attributes**

Zion Purple Sun African Daisy is an herbaceous annual with a mounded form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Zion Purple Sun African Daisy is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Zion Purple Sun African Daisy flowers*
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**Planting & Growing**

Zion Purple Sun African Daisy will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. Although it's not a true annual, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Zion Purple Sun African Daisy is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.