



# Clematis Care & Varieties



## Use of Clematis

Clematis vines are very versatile and useful in the landscape or in containers. Given support, clematis can provide a large vertical display while taking up very little ground space, ideal for small gardens. Clematis can enhance an architectural feature or cover an unsightly one. Trained on overhead structures they can also cool terraces, provide shade from the summer heat, or enhance the beauty of your favorite rose or shrub.

## Blooming of Clematis

Clematis will lend an abundance of color and interest to any garden. Individual flowers can last up to 3-4 weeks. Removing faded flowers will promote repeat flowering. Apart from the new, free-flowering types and fall blooming varieties, older Clematis tend to bloom profusely in May or June and then sporadically until fall. Newer varieties have been bred for longer, more consistent, repeat blooming from the base of their stems to their tips. Blooms can be used as cut flowers, butterfly attractants, and their seed heads also provide excellent winter interest and shelter for birds.

## Planting

Clematis foliage and flowers need to be in at least 4 hours of full sun while their roots prefer cool, shady conditions. Clematis enjoy rich, well-drained soil. Adding organic matter, like composted manure or peat moss, to the soil when planting will help add nutrients and increase drainage. Dig a hole slightly larger than the pot and place the crown of the Clematis 2" deeper than soil level (this prevents wilt and develops a stronger root system), then backfill. Mulch the roots 1-2" to keep them shaded, moist, and weed free, or under plant with annuals. Fertilize with a slow release food spring and mid-summer. If planting Clematis in a container, we recommend using an 18" pot or larger made of foam resin (best insulation material) with good drainage. Use potting soil or planting mix along with a slow release fertilizer and under plant with annuals. Store container Clematis in an unheated garage over winter after it goes dormant in the late fall.

## Care After Planting

Be sure to provide support for the vines. A fence, trellis, arbor, pole, or sometimes another shrub or rose will work. Planting annuals or ground covers near the base will provide shade for the roots. Water freely, 2" per week for the first year, and feed twice (spring & mid-summer) with a slow release fertilizer like Plant-tone or Osmocote. Apply a copper fungicide in late May/June to prevent wilt. For a stronger, more robust plant, prune all varieties the first spring to 6-12" above the ground. Late blooming varieties should be pruned hard every year. Light to no pruning is needed for early blooming varieties after the first year's pruning. Please refer to the back of this flyer for Pruning Group details and more Clematis varieties.

Name	Flower Description	Bloom Time	Misc. Info.	Pruning Group
Abilene	Medium pink w/ deep pink stripe	May-Sept.	Patio type, Ht. 3-4', part-shade	2 or 3 (down to 6")
Alaina	Shades of creamy pink, yellow center, 5-7" wide	May-June & August-Sept.	Patio type, Ht. 4-5', part-shade, grows with roses, lilacs, etc.	2 or 3 (down to 6")
Amethyst Beauty	Light to deep purple-blue, 6" wide	May-August	Ht. 6-8', abundant bloomer	3 (down to 12")
Anna Louise	Deep violet, with red bar, 6" wide, free flowering	May-June & August-Sept.	Ht. 6-8', use in pots or in the garden w/roses or on trellis	2
Angelique	Pale, lilac blue, wavy petals, free flowering	May-September	Compact, patio type, short, bushy, Ht. 3-4'	3 (down to 12")
Arctic Queen	Regal, free-flowering, dbl. white	May-August	Ht. 6-8', exceptional anywhere	2
Bernadine	Pale blue, red anthers	May-Sept.	Patio type, Ht. 3-4', part-shade	3 (down to 12")
Bourbon	Striking fuchsia-red w/cream ctr.	May-August	Ht. 6-8', plant near shrubs	2
Cezanne	Sky blue, single, overlapping petals, yellow center	May-September	Patio type, short, Ht. 3-4', vigorous in the garden or pot	3 (down to 12")
Chantilly	White w/ pink blush, fragrant	May-August	Patio type, Ht. 3-4', likes shade	3 (down to 12")
Charmaine	Dark red, ruffled, semi-double, 6"	June & Sept.	Patio type, Ht. 3-4'	2 (reduce by 1/3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Chelsea	Light silvery-blue, 4" wide	May-Sept.	Patio type, Ht. 2-3', part-shade	3 (down to 6")

Name	Flower Description	Bloom Time	Misc. Info.	Pruning Group
Cherokee/ Ooh La La	Deep pink w/rose stripes, 5" wide	May-Sept.	Patio type, Ht. 3-4', part-shade	3 (down to 12")
Chevalier	Single, star-shaped, velvet purple	June-Sept.	Ht. 6', use in pots or garden	3 (down to 12")
The Countess of Wessex	White w/ pink blushed stripe, maroon-red anthers	May-June & September	Patio type, Ht. 3-4', part-shade, grows with roses, lilacs, etc.	3 (down to 6")
Crystal Fountain	Lilac blue, doubled with fountain like, fuzzy center, unusual	May-June & September	Japanese introduction, Ht. 6', good for containers	2
Diamantina	Stunning blue-purple pom-pom	June-September	Ht. 7', spectacular anywhere	2
Diana's Delight	Large, single, periwinkle blue w/ creamy yellow centers	May-June & August-Sept.	Ht. 6', free-flowering, great in the garden or on the patio	3 (down to 12")
Edda	Semi-double purple w/ red-purple bar, red anthers	May-September	Patio type, Ht. 3-4', good in hanging baskets	3 (down to 6")
Endellion	Fade resistant deep pink with darker pink band, tan anthers	May-September	Patio type, Ht. 4-5', grows with roses, lilacs, etc.	3 (down to 6")
Filigree	Semi-double, silvery-lavender, ruffled, 3-4" wide, red-tan anthers	May-July	Dwarf variety for small spaces & containers, Ht. 1-2'	2 (very little pruning needed)
Fleuri	Deep violet-purple w/ contrasting violet-red bars, 5-6"	May-September	Patio type, compact, Ht. 4', likes part-shade	3 (down to 12")
Franziska Maria	Gorgeous, doubled, deep blue, 4-6" wide, dahlia like bloom	June-September	Cut flower, Ht. up to 8', excellent for growing in shrubs	2
Galore	Striking purple w/ blue edges, 3" wide, free flowering	July-September	Ht. 8-10', grow on roses, shrubs or on arches/trellis	3
Giselle	Unusual dusky violet-pink w/ red-purple center	May-September	Patio type, Ht. 4-5', part shade, grows with roses, lilacs, etc.	3 (down to 6")
Jackmanii	Classic, deep purple, 4-6"	June-September	Developed in 1858, very reliable and popular, Ht. 8-12'	3
Kingfisher	Large, single, deep indigo blue	June-September	Ht. 6-8', for pots or garden	2
Kitty	Single, white to cream	June-September	Patio type, Ht. 2-4', part-shade	3 (down to 6")
Parisienne	Light violet w/ wavy edged petals, red center, free flowering	May-September	Patio type, short, Ht. 3-4', prefers part shade	3 (down to 12")
Picardy	Rose-red w/ red bars, 3-4"	June-September	Patio type, short, Ht. 3-4'	3 (down to 12")
Rebecca	Stunning, large, true crimson red	June-September	Ht. 6-8', for patio or garden	2
Reflections	Semi-dbl. to single, pale lilac, 6"	June-September	Ht. 6-8', for patio or garden	3 (down to 12")
Rosemoor	Rose to wine with rippled edge, 5-6" wide	June-September	Ht. 6-8', for patio or garden	2
Sacha	Mauve-blue, wavy edges, grey-pink anthers, 4-5" wide	May-September	Ht. 3-4', for patio or garden	3 (down to 12")
Sally	Glowing pink w/ deeper pink central stripe, tan anthers, 4-5"	May-September	Patio type, Ht. 4-5', grows with roses, lilacs, etc.	3 (down to 6")
Samaritan Jo	Silvery pink w/ light purple margins, gold to purple centers, 4"	May-September	Patio or garden type, Ht. 4-5', part shade tolerant	3 (down to 12")
Shimmer	Huge, single, lilac to pale blue, 7" wide w/ white central bar, stunner	June-September	Ht. 6-8', for patio or garden, grow through shrubs & roses	3 (down to 12")
Sweet Autumn <i>C. paniculata</i>	White, fragrant, four petals, 2"	August-October	Most fragrant, popular and easy to grow, Ht. 10-20'	3
Sweet Summer Love	Cranberry-purple, fragrant, early & long blooming	July-September	Ht. 10-15', exceptional anywhere	3 (leave 2 sets of buds on each stem)
Tekla	Reddish, pink single flowers, bushy, compact habit	June & Sept.	Patio or garden type, Ht. 4-5', part shade tolerant	3 (down to 6")
Viennetta	Unique, white w/ a hint of lime & ruffled, purple, inner sepals	June-November	Ht. 6-8', use indoor/outdoor, Zone 6 hardy, best in pots	3
Volunteer	Lt. pink, dark stripe, yellow center	May-September	Patio type, Ht. 4-5', part-shade	3 (down to 6")
Zara	Clear pale blue w/ Lt. yellow ctr	May-September	Patio type, Ht. 3', part-shade	3 (down to 6")

### Pruning Groups:

**1** = Almost no pruning necessary. Early to mid-spring bloomers remove dead or weak stems after flowering (former Group C).

**2** = Light pruning in late winter to early spring, removing dead wood to the uppermost buds, cutting shoots to no less than 3' (most large flowering varieties that start blooming before mid-June or varieties that flower on old wood (former Group A)).

**3** = Hard pruning in late winter to early spring, down to 12-30" or above the 2nd or 3rd bud set (later flowering species, past mid-June, that bloom on new growth (former Group B)).