

Capsicum (Ornamental Pepper) Onyx Series

Capsicum annuum



COLORS: Orange, Red (AAS winner); fruit starts purple/black, foliage turns dark purple under high-light conditions

GARDEN SIZE: Height: 6 to 12 inches (15.2 to 30.5 cm)

NOVELTY CHARACTERISTICS: Compact and uniform, dark purple foliage in high-light conditions, long shelf life; extreme heat tolerance

MARKET USE: Bedding, pot, mixed containers, early sales encouraged by attractive dark foliage, excellent for mid/late summer production

CULTURAL RECOMMENDATIONS

PLUG STAGE

SOWING: 288 cell tray

GERMINATION: 8 - 12 days / 68 - 72°F (20.0 - 22.2°C)

FINISH: 4 - 6 weeks in 288 tray

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TRANSPLANT: 7 - 8 weeks (plants have attractive foliage and no or small fruit)
9 - 12 weeks (maturity of fruit dependant on temperature)

TEMPERATURE: 65 - 75°F (18.3 - 23.8°C) days / 62 - 64°F (16.6 - 17.7°C) nights

FERTILIZE: Every 2 weeks

pH: 5.8 - 6.2

CONTAINER 1 plant per pot - 4 inch, quart

COMMON DISEASES/PESTS: Aphids, thrips, whitefly

NOTES:

- PGRs not generally recommended
- **Irrigation:** 7 - 10 days after transplant, let the plants dry to slight wilt in-between watering, when flowers appear reduce fertilizer and continue to let plants dry between watering
- Ornamental peppers are sensitive to oil based pesticides, some phytotoxicity has been observed under high light conditions

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