



Twist of Vanilla™ Glossy Abelia

Abelia x grandiflora 'Twist Of Vanilla'

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 32 inches

Sunlight: **☉**

Hardiness Zone: 6a

Description:

Profuse white flowers in late spring, surrounded by attractive white and green variegated foliage; a tidy, mounded habit makes this shrub a welcome addition to smaller spaces

Ornamental Features

Twist of Vanilla Glossy Abelia features dainty clusters of lightly-scented white tubular flowers at the ends of the branches from late spring to early summer. It has attractive creamy white-variegated dark green foliage with hints of buttery yellow which emerges chartreuse in spring. The glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter. The antique red stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Twist of Vanilla Glossy Abelia is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting birds, bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Twist of Vanilla Glossy Abelia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Twist of Vanilla Glossy Abelia foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Planting & Growing

Twist of Vanilla Glossy Abelia will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 32 inches. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub does best in a location that gets morning sunlight but is shaded from the hot afternoon sun, although it will also grow in partial shade. Keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Twist of Vanilla Glossy Abelia makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.