



## New Love Bush Clematis

*Clematis 'New Love'*

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 20 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 5a

### Description:

A wonderful bush variety featuring indigo-plum blooms over deep green foliage; an excellent addition to garden beds, borders and patio containers; long blooming period, from late spring to fall; flowers on new wood; deadhead to encourage new blooms

### Ornamental Features

New Love Bush Clematis is smothered in stunning lightly-scented indigo star-shaped flowers at the ends of the branches from late spring to early fall. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The compound leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

### Landscape Attributes

New Love Bush Clematis is a multi-stemmed deciduous 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 is a relatively low maintenance shrub. It is a Type 2 clematis, which means it will bloom primarily on old wood of the previous season, with a second flush later in summer. Dead and weak vines should be removed in late winter, and remaining vines should be trimmed back to the first buds that are seen to remove dead stems. It is a good choice for attracting hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

New Love Bush Clematis is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



*New Love Bush Clematis flowers*  
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### **Planting & Growing**

New Love Bush Clematis will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 inches. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. To help this plant achieve its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in both summer and winter to conserve soil moisture and protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

New Love Bush Clematis 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.