Dicentra spectabilis
Old-fashioned Bleedingheart
Plant number: 1.187.050

One of the most popular of old-fashioned garden plants, Bleedinghearts burst into flower in late spring. Plants form a bushy, upright mound of light green foliage, with a somewhat ferny appearance. Dangling bright-pink locket flowers are held on arching stems, and these are excellent for cutting. Performs best in a rich, moist soil with partial shade, or at least protection from hot afternoon sun. After flowering, the plants should be sheared back to 6 inches tall, to rejuvenate the foliage. Even still, these often go completely dormant by midsummer, to return again the following spring. As an interesting sidenote, botanists have decided to change the name of the plant to Lamprocapnos spectabilis. Here at Heritage Perennials, we'll be waiting for a while to see if the new name sticks before we start calling it that.

Further details for
Dicentra spectabilis

Optimal Growing Conditions

- Sun Exposure: Partial Shade
- Soil Type: Normal or Sandy or Clay
- Soil pH: Neutral or Alkaline or Acid
- Soil Moisture: Average or Moist
- Care Level: Easy

Appearance and Characteristics

- Flower Colour: Deep Pink White
- Blooming Time: Early Summer Late Spring
- Foliage Color: Light Green
- Plant Uses & Characteristics: Accent; Good Texture/Form Attracts Butterflies Border Containers Cut Flower Deer Resistant Rabbit Resistant Massed Poisonous/Toxic Specimen Woodland

Height
70-90 cm
27-35 inches

Spread
70-90 cm
27-35 inches

Foot Traffic
None

Growth Rate
Medium

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