

interiors
Hortulus Flower Show
October 14 and 15, 2010

Growing Instructions

for our Challenge Class

Class 3 Starting from Scratch (Challenge Class)
Jester Ornamental Millet (*Pennisetum glaucum* "Jester")



Description from Johnny's Seeds:

Bright foliage for containers and bouquets.

Leaves change color as the plant develops, making it a three-season standout in the landscape. Young leaves are a bright chartreuse with burgundy highlights that darken with age, especially in full sun. Its shorter height also makes it ideal for containers. Height: 26-42".

Soil: Well drained, soilless medium, keep evenly moist.

Containers: Can be sown directly into the final container. Recommend 1-3 seeds in the center of the container. Cover with ½" of soil.

You have 10 seeds in your packet—we recommend you do successive sowing; for example, plant three seeds in one pot, then a week later, three more seeds in a different pot, and again a week later. Then pick the best pot to enter!

Germination: Plant now or at least before June 1st. Two to three days at 72 to 75 degrees. Do not allow seedlings to wilt.

Hints:

Do not pinch.

Do not allow to become root bound as this will result in shorter plants.

Requires full sun for best branching and foliage coloration.

Use a high nitrogen/low phosphate fertilizer.

Final height: 3' to 4' with flowering in 11 to 13 weeks.

Temperatures at 60 degrees or lower will stop plant growth.