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Baby Doll Bergenia Bergenia 'Baby Doll'

Height: 15 inches Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: O D

Hardiness Zone: 2

Other Names: Giant Rockfoil, Largeleaf Saxifrage, Pigsqueak

## **Description:**

A very nice form of Bergenia with large glossy green leaves that turn a deep burgundy in fall; clusters of blooms open on short thick stems in April and continue blooming into May; flowers will start out light pink and progress to rose or even hot pink

## **Ornamental Features**

Baby Doll Bergenia features unusual spikes of rose flowers with shell pink overtones and black eyes rising above the foliage from early to mid spring. Its attractive large succulent round leaves are green in color with distinctive chartreuse veins. As an added bonus, the foliage turns a gorgeous burgundy in the fall.

## Landscape Attributes

Baby Doll Bergenia is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Baby Doll Bergenia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover



Baby Doll Bergenia flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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## **Planting & Growing**

Baby Doll Bergenia will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant performs well in both full sun and full shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.