Longfellow's Greenhouses

## Anouk Spanish Lavender

***Lavandula stoechas 'Anouk'***



*Anouk Spanish Lavender flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Plant Height: 10 inches

Flower Height: 14 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: French Lavender, Butterfly Lavender

**Description:**

Lovely and aromatic, this flowering shrub is covered with purple flower spikes with deep pink-purple petals at the top; ideal for borders, cottage gardens, and containers

**Ornamental Features**

Anouk Spanish Lavender has masses of beautiful spikes of fragrant purple flowers with hot pink overtones rising above the foliage from early to late summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive fragrant needle-like leaves are grayish green in color. The foliage often turns coppery-bronze in fall.



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**Landscape Attributes**

Anouk Spanish Lavender is a dense spreading annual with a mounded form. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and can be pruned at anytime. It is a good choice for attracting 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.

Anouk Spanish Lavender is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

**Planting & Growing**

Anouk Spanish Lavender will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity extending to 14 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. This slow-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. 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, but has a definite preference for alkaline soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Anouk Spanish Lavender is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.