

Botanical Name: Pelargonium domesticum

Common Name: Martha Washington Pelargonium

Type of Plant: dicot; perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape rounded, spreading shrub with soft, trailing stems, dark  
folded round foliage

Height 3' Spread 3' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors part shade to full sun; hot sun may burn some foliage

Soil prefers a well-draining loam

Hardiness some frost: zones 12-17, 21-24

Morphology:

Leaves alternate, 2"-4" across, irregularly lobed and serrate,  
usually somewhat folded toward center

Flowers large, showy, 2" wide, trumpet shaped, in loose rounded  
clusters; white, red, lavender, pink, splotched with darker colors

Fruit

Propagation: tip cuttings, seed

Usage: container plants, in groupings, facer plant, hanging  
baskets, good source of bright color

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular watering - once weekly in summer

Fertilizing balanced in spring as needed

Pruning head back regularly to keep dense; remove spent flowers

Pests/Diseases tobacco budworm, aphids, whitefly, red spider mite

Special Conditions cultivar from P. cucullatum, P. angulosum & P. grandiflorum

Origin: cultivar Family: Geraniaceae