

# Raymond Evison's Patio Clematis Collection

## A New Revolution In Container Plants

The new Patio Clematis Collection from Raymond Evison, world-renowned Clematis breeder from Isle of Guernsey, England, is revolutionizing the container garden market. These unique varieties provide a consistent vertical column of color throughout the season on a lush small vine. These first of their kind clematis differ from their larger brethren by featuring shorter spaces between the leaves, shorter stature and a constant flowering over the course of the summer. The plants feature large 6" blooms in several colors. The Patio Clematis Collection is also disease resistant and vigorous. Hardy to Zone 5, these varieties require the same maintenance as other clematis. These long-blooming low-maintenance plants are sure to be a hit in everyone's containers.

## The Varieties

**Cezanne** Featuring bluish violet flowers that can reach 7" across, Cezanne works well with red, pink and yellow color schemes. Reaching a diminutive height of only 2-3 feet, it makes a perfect vertical accent for smaller containers.

**Picardy** 6" reddish purple flowers with contrasting yellow sepals make Picardy stand out, in even partial shade. Complimentary to almost all color schemes, Picardy blooms and blooms. At 3-4 feet, this variety can be used in larger containers, for growing in the garden, on small fences or mailboxes.

**Versailles** Last, but certainly not least, the darkest of the Patio series features wine purple flowers with dark sepals. Versailles will stand out in lighter color schemes including white, lavender and yellow. Standing 3-4 feet, it can be used in the same manner as Picardy. It is the longest flowering selection in the Patio Clematis Collection.

## Planting

Choose a pot that is large, relative to the size of the Patio Clematis container. You will want to plant a non-aggressive companion or companions to shade the roots of the clematis. The roots are very shallow and do not like too much sun, although the leaves and flowers will benefit from as much sun as possible. Use a good potting soil that is light, with good aeration. Plant at the same level, as in the original container. Water thoroughly and add a tomato or blossom booster type of fertilizer. Stand back and watch the Patio Clematis Collection perform.

## Summer Care

Water your Patio Clematis when it is dry. Feed with a fertilizer that is higher in the second two numbers. Remove blooms as they fade to encourage new buds to emerge.

## Fall/Winter Care

You should have good success over-wintering container grown clematis in an unheated, but insulated garage. Remember that the root system is shallow, so protect it with an airy layer of pine boughs. Keep the roots from freezing solid. Your plants can be pruned in spring and placed outside once the danger of severe freezing is past. Prune your Patio Clematis to 2-3 inches of height.

