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## Chilly Chili Ornamental Pepper

*Capsicum annuum 'Chilly Chili'*

Height: 16 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Ornamental Chili, Chili Pepper

### Description:

One of the more stunning ornamental peppers, featuring very narrow upright peppers that point upwards for maximum display, colors range from yellow to orange to red, often all at the same time, fruits eventually mature to red; great for fiery color

### Ornamental Features

Chilly Chili Ornamental Pepper is primarily grown for its highly ornamental fruit. It features an abundance of magnificent scarlet berries with orange blush from mid summer to early fall, which fade to crimson over time. It features subtle white star-shaped flowers with purple overtones dangling from the stems from late spring to mid summer. Its pointy leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season.

### Landscape Attributes

Chilly Chili Ornamental Pepper is an herbaceous annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. 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.

Chilly Chili Ornamental Pepper is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Chilly Chili Ornamental Pepper fruit  
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- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Herb Gardens
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

### **Planting & Growing**

Chilly Chili Ornamental Pepper will grow to be about 16 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. This annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Chilly Chili Ornamental Pepper is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the larger 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.