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## Double Play Artist Spirea

*Spiraea japonica 'Galen'*

Height: 30 inches

Spread: 30 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 4

Group/Class: Double Play Series

### Description:

This variety features colorful blooms over a long period; clusters of pink and hot pink blooms in spring and summer; emerging foliage is a coppery red for an added color bonus; a fantastic garden focal point in summer

### Ornamental Features

Double Play Artist Spirea features showy clusters of pink flowers with hot pink eyes at the ends of the branches from mid spring to mid summer. It has green deciduous foliage which emerges coppery-bronze in spring. The serrated pointy leaves turn an outstanding brick red in the fall.

### Landscape Attributes

Double Play Artist Spirea is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting 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.

Double Play Artist Spirea is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Double Play Artist Spirea flowers*  
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*Double Play Artist Spirea foliage*  
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- *Mass Planting*
- *Hedges/Screening*
- *General Garden Use*
- *Groundcover*

### **Planting & Growing**

Double Play Artist Spirea will grow to be about 30 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 inches. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.



*Double Play Artist Spirea in bloom*  
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