

Ornamental Peppers

Although edible, these pepper plants are grown mainly for their colorful fruits and attractive foliage. Many grow as compact plants and so are perfect for containers and garden borders. Some varieties have been bred to produce peppers with mild heat and so are safe around children. Ornamental peppers can be a stunning addition to any garden or container. Like all peppers, these should be planted in a well-drained, fertile, sunny location after any danger of frost.

'Black Pearl'

Height: 20"

Edible – very hot (30,000 SHU)

AAS *and* Fleuroselect winner! This popular ornamental pepper has glossy pure black leaves when mature and ¾" round peppers that mature from glossy black to red. Plants are vigorous and bushy, great for landscaping and containers. Pair this one with lighter colored plants to show off the contrast. 80 days to black, 140 days to red.

'Bolivian Rainbow'

Height: 24"-36"

Edible – hot (8,000 SHU)

Purple-tinged foliage and purple flowers are the background for colorful 1" cone-shaped peppers. These peppers mature from purple to yellow, orange and red, and all color stage appear on the plant at the same time. 80 days.

'Chilly Chili'

Height: 12"

Edible –very mild

2002 AAS winner. Beautiful *and* safe, this variety was bred to have peppers with no heat! Tapered 2" long peppers grow upright in clusters of greenish-yellow, orange and red. Plants are 1' tall and have green foliage. Very heat tolerant. 72 days.

'Explosive Ember'

Height: 10" – 14"

Edible - hot

This variety is the very essence of purple! Purple foliage, purple stems, and purple flowers! The small 1" long conical peppers start out purple and mature to orange then bright red. An explosion of purple!
85 days.

'Marbles'

Height: 12" – 14"

Edible – mild (400 SHU)

Incredibly cute plant has green foliage and masses of colorful marble-sized peppers – which mature from cream and white to yellow, purple, orange and red!
58 days.

'Medusa'

Height: 6" – 8"

Edible – very mild

Like the legendary snakes in Medusa's head, this pepper has narrow, twisted 2 ½ " long peppers that stand upright above the plant's dark green foliage. Peppers mature from ivory to yellow, orange and bright red, and all colors appear at once. Wonderful variety for containers and borders.
72 days.

'NuMex Twilight'

Height: 24" – 30"

Edible – very hot (8,000 – 14,000 SHU)

This variety has sunset-colored piquin-type peppers (3/4" long) that start out purple and ripen to yellow, orange and red. Foliage is green. Space closely in the garden to make a colorful hedge! 65 days to purple, 85 days to red.

'Pretty in Purple'

Height: 18" - 24"

Edible – hot (4,000 – 8,000 SHU)

The leaves of this spreading but upright plant are a mix of solid purple and variegated purple/green. Round, glossy, 3/4" peppers are deep purple and ripen to yellow, orange, and red, all at once. 60 days to purple, 85 days to red.

'Purple Flash'

Height: 15" tall with a 21" spread

Edible - hot

Striking bright purple foliage ages to almost black, while new leaf growth is splashed with creamy white! Peppers are round, small and glossy black. Plants have a layered habit, perfect for containers or planting in the garden. Tolerates hot summers. 85 days.

'Riot'

Height: short, compact plants

Edible - hot

A multi-colored "riot" erupts with these 3" long, narrow peppers that start out yellow, and mature to orange and red. Dark green foliage. 70 days.

'Sangria'

Height: 12" tall with a wider spread

Edible - moderate heat (1,000 – 5,000 SHU)

Masses of pointed peppers in orange, red and purple. Profuse pepper production. Plants have green foliage and have a draping effect. 85 days to red, 120 days to purple.

'Super Chili'

Height: 24"

Edible – very hot (20,000 – 40,000 SHU)

2008 AAS winner. Ornamental edible bred for super-high yields. Elongated, 2 1/2" pepper color from green to orange to red. Great for containers or in the garden. 75 days.

'Variegata' ('Tri-fetti')

Height: low growing

Edible- hot

Grow this one for the foliage! A never-ending display of variegated green, white and purple leaves with purple stems. Plants are low growing and form mounds. Peppers are small and mature from purple to red. Great to use in garden borders, containers – keep indoors as a houseplant! 75 days.