East Bay Nursery

Carmen Sweet Pepper

Capsicum annuum 'Carmen'



Carmen Sweet Pepper fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 28 inches

Spread: 16 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Sweet Tapered

Description:

Carmen produces unique tapered and pointy sweet peppers; emerge green and ripen to red; bushy upright habit makes it great for containers and gardens; sweet flavor profile is perfect in a variety of uses like salads, sauces, pickled or stuffed

Edible Qualities

Carmen Sweet Pepper is an annual vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities, although it does have ornamental merits as well. It produces green pointy peppers (which are technically 'berries') which are typically harvested when mature. The fruit will often fade to crimson over time. The peppers have a sweet taste and a crisp texture.

The peppers are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Cooking
- Canning
- Sauces

Planting & Growing

Carmen Sweet Pepper will grow to be about 28 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 16 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 inches apart. This vegetable plant is an annual, which means that it will grow for one season in your garden and then die after producing a crop.

This plant can be integrated into a landscape or flower garden by creative gardeners, but is usually grown in a designated vegetable garden. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Carmen Sweet Pepper is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.