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HEAD OVER HEELS[®] BLUSH HIBISCUS

Hibiscus moscheutos
'RutHib1' PP 30,824

SELLING FEATURES

- Large, saucer-shaped flowers that open blush pink with a red eye. Flowers age out to white with red eye.
- Heavier flower set than other market varieties.
- Compact, well branched habit that is improved over other market varieties.
- Dark burgundy foliage.



Fig 1: Landscape habit.



Fig 2: Foliage and flower color of Head Over Heels[®] Blush.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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| LIGHT: | Full sun |
| MATURE SIZE: | 3' h x 4' w |
| NATURAL BLOOM SEASON: | Late summer to early fall |
| USDA HARDINESS: | Zone 4 |
| USES: | Mass plantings, specimen, mid to back of border |

PROPAGATION INFORMATION

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| TIME OF YEAR: | June–July |
| TYPE OF WOOD: | Soft wood; Minimum 2–3 nodes with 1 node below the soil. |
| ROOTING HORMONE: | 2000ppm IBA-talc or solution |
| TIME TO FULLY ROOTED: | 6–8 weeks |
| TRIMS: | One trim minimum recommended in liner stage. |

FINISHING INFORMATION

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| MEDIA: | Standard Ornamental Nursery Mix |
| MEDIA PH: | 5.5–6.5 |
| MEDIA EC: | 2.0–2.5 |
| MOISTURE: | Maintain consistent moisture in well-drained soil. |
| FERTILIZER: | 13-5-9 Harrell's 8–9 month slow release feed, top dressed. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20 grams in 1 gallon• 40 grams in 2 gallon• 60 grams in 3 gallon |
| COMMON PESTS & DISEASE: | Watch for aphids, caterpillars, Japanese beetles, white flies, and mealybugs. Botrytis can occur on flowers and flower buds. |
| TRIMMING: | Recommend one trim during the first year of production to bulk. Trim when new growth is still soft, leaving 2–3 nodes under the trim mark. Allow 5–6 weeks from trim to bloom time. |
| PGRS: | None needed |

FINISHING INFORMATION *(continued)*

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| ADDITIONAL NOTES: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pay close attention to potting level of bare root inputs. The crown should be at or just above the soil line.• Keep Hibiscus well-watered and do not allow to wilt. Wilting will negatively impact flower set and cause loss of lower leaves.• Plants require direct sunlight to produce burgundy foliage; grow production outdoors. Plants grown under glass will produce green foliage. |
| FINISHING TIMES: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>2 gallon</i>: Shift 72c in Spring. Plants will be saleable in summer, about 10–12 weeks.• <i>3 gallon</i>: Shift 21c in spring. Plants will be saleable in summer, about 10–12 weeks. Shift bare root in spring. Plants will be saleable in summer, about 8–10 weeks. |



Fig 3: Finished containers.

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