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HEAD OVER HEELS[®] PASSION HIBISCUS

Hibiscus moscheutos
'RutHib2' PP 30,853

SELLING FEATURES

- Large, saucer-shaped, bright pink flowers with a 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[®] Passion.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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

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

MEDIA:	Standard Ornamental Nursery Mix
MEDIA PH:	5.5–6.5
MEDIA EC:	2.0–2.5
MOISTURE:	Maintain even 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)*

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 container.

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