# Double Play® Gold Spirea

***Spiraea japonica 'Yan'***

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Group/Class: Double Play Series

**Description:**

An outstanding shrub for color effect in the garden, with glowing golden foliage which emerges yellow; flat-topped clusters of contrasting hot pink flowers in early summer are visually stunning; forms a dense, compact mound that is neat and tidy

**Ornamental Features**

Double Play Gold Spirea features showy clusters of hot pink flowers at the ends of the branches from late spring to early summer, which emerge from distinctive brick red flower buds. It has attractive gold foliage with hints of chartreuse which emerges yellow in spring. The small serrated pointy leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding coppery-bronze in the fall.

**Landscape Attributes**

Double Play Gold 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 Gold Spirea flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*



*Double Play Gold Spirea in bloom*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

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

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

**Planting & Growing**

Double Play Gold Spirea will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 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 Gold Spirea foliage*
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