



2010 Promising Plant

Tropaeolum majus 'Kaleidoscope'

Promising Qualities

- ◆ Bold, bright colors
- ◆ Large flower heads
- ◆ Easily grown from seed
- ◆ Widely adapted

FAMILY

Tropaeolaceae

GENUS

Tropaeolum

SPECIFIC EPITHET

majus

CULTIVAR

'Kaleidoscope'

COMMON NAMES

nasturtium

FLOWER COLOR

yellow, orange, red

PLANT TYPE

annual

HABIT

dwarf

PROPAGATION

seeds

USE

culinary, medicinal,
landscaping

HEIGHT/WIDTH

up to 12" high

LIGHT

full sun to part shade

SOIL

light, sandy

WATER

normal

Tropaeolum majus 'Kaleidoscope' promises to be a colorful and cheery addition to your garden. Nasturtiums have been known to make good companion plants because they repel detrimental insects. Unfortunately, they also have been known to attract aphids. Avoid the overuse of nitrogen when fertilizing, as abundant levels tend to cause the plant to produce more foliage and fewer flowers. The leaves, flowers and seed pods of nasturtiums are edible. This herb contains mustard oil which lends it a spicy, peppery taste. For the best flavor, harvest new leaves when they are young and tender yet have not reached full size. Use the leaves and colorful flowers to add zing to green salads that will be the hit of the party.

Where can I find this plant?

- ◆ Johnny's Selected Seeds - www.johnnyseed.com

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