Town & Country gardens

## Basket Bon Bon Strawflower

***Bracteantha bracteata 'Basket Bon Bon'***



*Basket Bon Bon Strawflower flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 10 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 9 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

**Description:**

Vibrant and bold golden yellow blooms with coppery overtones are nestled on top of dark green foliage, creating a beautiful pop of color to landscapes, patio containers or hanging baskets; low maintenance-deadhead spent blooms

**Ornamental Features**

Basket Bon Bon Strawflower features bold semi-double gold daisy flowers with coppery-bronze overtones at the ends of the stems from mid spring to late fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its narrow leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season.

**Landscape Attributes**

Basket Bon Bon Strawflower is an herbaceous annual with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Basket Bon Bon Strawflower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

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**Planting & Growing**

Basket Bon Bon Strawflower will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 9 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. Although it's not a true annual, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. 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. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Basket Bon Bon Strawflower is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.