

# SHELMERDINE

## SECOND NATURE



### **Breathless® Blush Euphorbia** *Euphorbia 'Balbreblus'*

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Breathless Series

#### **Description:**

From shade to sun, this mounded variety shows off small and airy white and pink flowers, contrasting against deep green foliage with red variegation; excellent for containers, borders and beds; easy to grow and low maintenance

#### **Ornamental Features**

Breathless Blush Euphorbia features airy clusters of white flowers with pink overtones at the ends of the stems from mid spring to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive small oval leaves remain dark green in colour with showy dark red variegation throughout the season.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Breathless Blush Euphorbia is an open herbaceous annual with a mounded form. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Breathless Blush Euphorbia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



*Breathless Blush Euphorbia flowers*  
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## Planting & Growing

Breathless Blush Euphorbia will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets. 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.

Breathless Blush Euphorbia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.