

'Staircase' Lupine – continuous blooms!

8 Spectacular colors:

Red, Orange, Rose/White, Blue/White, Yellow, Dark Blue/Yellow, Blue and Scarlet

This plant is spectacular in the landscape or in patio containers. **Providing continuous bloom.** No vernalization needed, these plants are able to bloom under any day length and continue blooming until Average daily temperatures go over 75°. Under cool night West Coast temps have had continuous bloom for up to 10 months. Hardy to Zone 3!

Staircase Lupines are a “Thermostat” crop. Meaning that once you see bloom spikes appear below canopy, you can HOLD at cold temps (38°) until you want to market. Then bring into warmer temps and they will force in approximately 10 days. (similar to spring bulb crops). Let the growing temperature dictate your finish date, not the plant requirements. **They will continue to produce impressive flower displays until the heat of summer. Then later, once night temps begin to cool, the Staircase Lupines will reinitiate their stunning blooms for a fantastic new fall crop!** Garden height is 18”-24”.

Crop Time:

13 week crop in 12” pots (or hold cold and sell as you need). Grow 8 weeks at 60° nights THEN, can finish cooler. Cool finish enhances quality of plants.

8-9 week crop time for gallons Grow 5 weeks at 60° nights, then finish cooler.

Pinching requirements: We suggest pinching the dominant terminal shoot to develop basal branching and more flower stems. The removal of the dominant shoot will also lower the overall height of the flowering plant.

Growth Regulators: Configure® at rates of 175ppm will increase branching, allowing for a quicker finish since the flower initiation is rapid. To reduce the height of the flower, apply plant growth regulators just as the flower stem is beginning to elongate above the foliage.

Retail price points in 12” pots reported \$30-\$49.

Media and pH requirements: Use a well-drained soil mix, preferably with bark and a pH range of 5.8 to 6.4. Water well and allow soil to dry between irrigation. Avoid over watering, especially during cool and cloudy weather. EC 0.08 to 1.25 in a peat/bark mix.

Fertilizer requirements: Feed at 75 PPM Nitrogen every irrigation or 150 to 200 ppm Nitrogen with alternate clear water irrigation. Lupine are sensitive to high salt levels. Growers using controlled-release fertilizers get the best results by incorporating at a rate equivalent to 1.0 to 1.25 pounds of nitrogen per yard of growing medium.

Price including royalty:

<i>Volume</i>	<i>Price</i>
72-2015	\$2.55
2,016 +	\$2.40

Available: Mid October – Early January
Pack: 4 TRAYS PER CASE (72 Cell Liners)
Minimum: 1 Case
FOB: Colorado
Terms: 2%/10 NET 30



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