Fang Felt Plant

Kalanchoe 'Fang'



Fang Felt Plant
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Height: 3 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 9b

Other Names: Stalactite Plant, K. beharensis x tomentosa

Description:

An upright, slow growing succulent, featuring velvety rounded leaves with fang-like tubercles on the backsides, and copper spots along the margins foliage is golden-brown in sun and silver-gray in shade; great for containers and rock gardens

Ornamental Features

Fang Felt Plant has attractive grayish green foliage edged in coppery-bronze with hints of silver on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth. The large succulent lobed leaves are highly ornamental and remain grayish green throughout the winter. It features unusual clusters of buttery yellow bell-shaped flowers rising above the foliage from early to mid summer.



Fang Felt Plant foliage
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Landscape Attributes

Fang Felt Plant is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Fang Felt Plant is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Fang Felt Plant will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It has a low canopy. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub performs well in both full sun and full shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any 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 pH, but grows best in sandy soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. 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.

Fang Felt Plant makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.