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CARING FOR CLEMATIS

What You'll Need:	
Essential Items	**Desirable Items**
Soil Enhancer	Soil Activator
Root Stimulator	T&C Fruit and Flower Food
Trellis/Arbor/Fence	Hand pruners

Clematis roots are long and run deep. They like the soil cool and damp, but not soggy. Clematis should be grown in fertile, well-drained soil in sun to part shade. It is good to keep clematis roots shaded. The best way to do this is to put bark, large rocks or plant annuals at the base of the clematis.

The clematis is a climbing plant. They like to grow on anything tall such as arbors, trellises, etc. They should be trained to climb when they are young.

Clematis vines should be given at least three years to establish before following group pruning instructions. Until then, young vines should be pruned to 12 inches the second spring and 18 inches the third spring. This will help to insure more shoots, a fuller vine and a better root system.

Pruning of clematis depends on what group they are in. Below is a list of varieties with characteristics of each and what pruning group they are in. Refer to the instructions on the back for proper pruning procedure and timing.

VINE	COLOR	MONTH	HEIGHT	GROUP	ZONE
Candida	**White**	**June – Sept**	**8 - 12 ft**	**B2**	**4**
Comtesse de Bouchaud	Pink	June-Sept	8 - 12 ft	C	3
Durand's	**Blue-Violet**	**June –Sept**	**4 - 6 ft**	**C**	**4**
Elsa Spath	Purple	May-Sept	8 - 10 ft	B1	3
Ernest Markham	**Red**	**July-Sept**	**12 - 15 ft**	**C**	**3**
Etoile Violette	Purple	June - Sept	8 - 14 ft	C	3
General Sikorski	**Blue**	**June-Sept**	**10 - 12 ft**	**B2**	**4**
Golden Tiara	Yellow	June - Sept	10 - 12 ft	A	4
Hagley	**Pink**	**June-Sept**	**6 - 8 ft**	**C**	**3**
Haku Ookan	Purple	May – Sept	8 - 12 ft	B1	3
Henryi	**White**	**June - Sept**	**12 -20 ft**	**B2**	**3**
Jackmani	Purple	June-Sept	12 -15 ft	C	3
Jackmani Superba	**Purple**	**June-Sept**	**12 -15 ft**	**C**	**3**
John Warren	Pink	June – Sept	8 - 10 ft	B2	4
Miss Bateman	**White**	**May - June**	**8 - 14 ft**	**B1**	**4**
Multi Blue	Blue	June - Sept	8 - 10 ft	B1	4
Nelly Moser	**Pink**	**May - Aug**	**8 - 12 ft**	**B1**	**4**
Niobe	Red	June – Sept	6 - 8 ft	B2 or C	4
Paniculata	**White**	**Sept - Oct**	**20 - 30 ft**	**A, B, or C**	**5**
Pink Champagne	Pink	May-July	10 - 12 ft	B1	4
Polish Spirit	**Purple**	**June – Sept**	**10 - 12 ft**	**C**	**3**
Proteus	Purple	May – June	8 - 12 ft	B1	4
Rouge Cardinal	**Red**	**June - Sept**	**8 - 12 ft**	**C**	**4**
Ruutel	Red	June - Sept.	8- 10 ft	C	4
Snow Queen	**White**	**May-Aug**	**10 -12 ft**	**B1**	**4**
Sunset	Purple	June – Sept	8 - 10 ft	B2/ C	4
The President	**Purple**	**June – Sept**	**8 - 12 ft**	**B2**	**4**
Warsaw Nike	Purple	June-Sept	8 -12 ft	B2	4
Will Goodwin	**Purple**	**June – Sept**	**8 - 12 ft**	**B1**	**4**

Pruning Instructions

Group A- Only bloom on growth produced on the previous years vine. Prune out weak or dead stems as soon as vine is finished blooming in May or June. Pruning later than June or very severe pruning will result in fewer blooms the following year.

Group B1- Bloom on old wood from previous years growth. Heavy blooms on previous years wood in May – June followed by a second smaller blooming time in September on the current years growth. Prune in late February or March after new growth appears pruning out weak and dead growth.

Group B2- Bloom on New growth and Old growth at the same time. Normally bloom from June to September continuously. Prune in late February or March after new growth appears pruning out weak and dead growth.

Group C- Bloom only on current years growth. Blooms start in early summer and continue through to fall. Prune in late February or March after new growth appears.

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