



Hetz MidgeCedar
Thuja occidentalis 'Hetz Midget'

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Description:

A compact, ball-shaped evergreen shrub, rounder than little giant, very slow growing, excellent for garden detail use and for rock gardens; hardy and adaptable, best with adequate sun, protect from drying winds

Ornamental Features

Hetz MidgeCedar is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its ornamental globe-shaped form. It has forest green evergreen foliage. The scale-like sprays of foliage remain forest green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Hetz MidgeCedar is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a high maintenance shrub that will require regular care and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Hetz MidgeCedar is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Hetz MidgeCedar
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Planting & Growing

Hetz MidgeCedar will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selection of a native North American species.

Hetz MidgeCedar makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used 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. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.