

# Yellow Diamonds Stonecrop Sedum middendorfianum 'Yellow Diamonds'

Plant Height: 7 inches

Flower Height: 10 inches

Spread: 16 inches
Spacing: 18 inches
Sunlight: 

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Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Chinese Mountain Stonecrop

## **Description:**

A wonderful mounded selection with excellent drought tolerance; bright yellow star-shaped flowers appear from late spring to summer, over deep green foliage; red stems contrast nicely against foliage and blooms; low maintenance and easy to grow

#### **Ornamental Features**

Yellow Diamonds Stonecrop is smothered in stunning yellow star-shaped flowers at the ends of the stems from late spring to mid summer. Its attractive serrated narrow leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season.

### **Landscape Attributes**

Yellow Diamonds Stonecrop is a dense herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading



Yellow Diamonds Stonecrop flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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Yellow Diamonds Stonecrop is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

## **Planting & Growing**

Yellow Diamonds Stonecrop will grow to be about 7 inches tall at maturity extending to 10 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 16 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

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. Like most succulents and cacti, this plant prefers to grow in poor soils and should therefore never be fertilized. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in poor soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Yellow Diamonds Stonecrop is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. 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. 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.