

## SPIRAEA 'Magic Carpet'

**ORIGIN:** Bred by English plant breeder David Tristram of Walberton Nursery.

**SPECIES:** *Spiraea bumalda (japonica)*

**PROTECTION STATUS:** US Plant Patent 9,363. Canadian COPF registered.

### CHARACTERISTICS:

'Magic Carpet' has good color interest the entire season. In the spring, vibrant new red shoots emerge. The plant develops into a compact, low growing mound of red-tipped golden foliage. In the summer months, deep pink flowers emerge and give another flush of interest. 'Magic Carpet' has received accolades from Dr. Michael Dirr, and author Don Selinger. It was also selected as plant of the year in 1999 for Oklahoma, and was the Michigan Grower's Choice recipient for 2000. 'Magic Carpet' can be used landscapes, mixed borders, and large containers. Also try finishing as a 4" or quart size container and sell in the spring in the bedding plant aisle.

**HARDINESS:** USDA Zone 3

**BLOOM:** Summer bloom period of deep pink flowers.

**FOLIAGE:** Red-tipped golden foliage.

**HABIT:** Mounded and low growing

**PROPAGATION:** Cuttings. *License required for propagation.*

**CULTURE:** Well-drained soil in a sunny location is best for the richest leaf color.

