

Bell Heather 'Velvet Night'

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This description is for species **Bell Heather** (*Erica cinerea*):

Bell Heather or, to give it its Latin name, *Erica cinerea*, is a compact, evergreen shrub that's extremely well equipped to cope with everything that Mother Nature can throw at it. This makes it an ideal choice for our fickle British climate. It has dark green, needle like leaves and from early summer through to early autumn bears bell shaped flowers in various shades of pink, dark red and, on occasion, white. For the best results plant in a full sunlight location.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
Known dangers? no	Acidity Acidic Neutral	Standard category Trees & shrubs Shrubs
Height [m] 0.1 - 0.2	Hardiness zone Z6-8	Grown for Long season of interest
Spread [m] 0.35	Heat zone H8-6	Creative category Kid Approved For Beginners For every season Author's choice
Dominant flower colour Purple	Winter temperatures [°C] -23 - -7	Garden type Cottage garden Rock garden Containers
Flower Fragrance No, neutral please	Heat days 45 - 120	Garden spaces Banks and slopes Ground cover Borders

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Flowering seasons Early summer Mid summer Late summer Early autumn Mid autumn Late autumn	Moisture well-drained well-drained but frequently watered	Gardening expertise beginner
Foliage in spring Green	Soil type sandy Clay loams	Time to reach full size up to 10 years
Foliage in summer Green	Sun requirements Full sun	
Foliage in Autumn Green	Exposure Exposed Sheltered	
Foliage in winter Green		
Awards? Yes, let it smell		
Propagation methods semi-ripe cuttings layering		
Growth habit Compact Mat-forming		