

# Ritchie

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### Younique Silvery Pink™ Astilbe *Astilbe 'Versilverypink'*

Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 16 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 14 inches

Sunlight: ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: False Spirea

Group/Class: Younique Series

#### Description:

Incredible, silvery pink plumes, rising above glossy leaves; best in a shady spot with dappled light; prefers moisture so water regularly for abundant flowers and nice foliage; perfect for mixed containers; plume heads can be left for winter interest

#### Ornamental Features

Younique Silvery Pink Astilbe has masses of beautiful plumes of shell pink flowers with silver overtones at the ends of the stems from early to mid summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its ferny compound leaves remain dark green in colour throughout the season.

#### Landscape Attributes

Younique Silvery Pink Astilbe is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.



*Younique Silvery Pink Astilbe flowers  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

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Younique Silvery Pink Astilbe is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

### **Planting & Growing**

Younique Silvery Pink Astilbe will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 16 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 14 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium 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 partial shade to shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is very fussy about its soil conditions and must have rich, acidic soils to ensure success, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the foliage in alkaline soils. 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 over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. 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.

Younique Silvery Pink Astilbe 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 against which the larger 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.

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