

# Ritchie

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### First Knight Daylily

*Hemerocallis 'First Knight'*

Plant Height: 24 inches

Flower Height: 32 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 2b



*First Knight Daylily flowers*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### Description:

An early bloomer that consistently reblooms throughout the summer months; beautiful creamy yellow flowers with yellow ruffled edges bring a softness to perennial borders and beds; suitable in large containers; easy to grow and low maintenance

#### Ornamental Features

First Knight Daylily features bold buttery yellow trumpet-shaped flowers with creamy white overtones and yellow edges at the ends of the stems from late spring to early summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its grassy leaves remain green in colour throughout the season.

#### Landscape Attributes

First Knight Daylily is an herbaceous perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

First Knight Daylily is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

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### **Planting & Growing**

First Knight Daylily will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity extending to 32 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 inches apart. 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 full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. 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.

First Knight Daylily is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use 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 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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