

## ROSES ARE RED, VIOLETS ARE BLUE...

## DID YOU KNOW PEPPERS COULD BE JUST AS COLORFUL, TOO?

Researchers with the ARS Genetic Improvement of Fruits and Vegetables Laboratory in Beltsville, MD have released a new line of ornamental peppers that are both edible and beautifully hued. Shaped like the traditional mini lightbulbs we see during the winter holidays, these peppers were dubbed "Christmas Lights" and are available in shades varying from radiant red and youthful yellow to gorgeous green and vivid violet.

But Christmas Light peppers aren't just seasonal delights; they're perfect for bringing in a bit of holiday cheer year-round. Due to their cheerful vibrancy, they pep up any garden bed or pot. You can find this variety of pepper at many nurseries and greenhouses, as well as home improvement stores across the country.



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