Frosch® Exclusive Perennials Dietramszell, Germany Presented by Gary Lewis

Cypripedium 'Gisela' and 'Hank Small' Orchidaceae

Origin: 'Gisela' is a 1992 Werner Frosch

hybrid, cross between

Cypripedium macranthos x C. parviflorum var. parviflorum. 'Hank Small' is a Cypripedium parviflorum var parviflorum x C. henryi cross

Hardiness: Zones 4 to 7 (possibly colder)

Height: 14 inches Spread: 24 inches

Availability: Frosch Exclusive Perennials

'Gisela' is a particularly robust hybrid, ideal for the beginner, and famous for its vigor. Even if you haven't had any previous experience of lady's slippers in your garden, 'Gisela' will delight you. Within a few years it forms big clumps. Regular fertilizing is required for vigorous growth - just fertilize it as you would other perennials. The striking flowers open at the beginning of May and will enrich your garden with exclusive beauty. No need for winter protection.

'Hank Small' resembles the European lady's slipper (*C. calceolus*) and the North American yellow lady's slipper (*C. parviflorum*) but is much easier to grow in the garden. This hybrid is a bit daintier than 'Gisela'. The intensely colored flowers open in mid-May and enrich



your garden with exclusive beauty. Strong plants often grow two blooms on one stem. No need for winter protection: 'Hank Small' is absolutely hardy.

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