

## African Marigold (Orange) - Plant



No annual is more cheerful or easier to grow than marigolds. These flowers are the spendthrifts among annuals, showing a wealth of gold, copper, and brass into our summer and autumn gardens. The flower's popularity probably derives in part from its ability to bloom brightly all summer long.

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Description

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In India marigold is one of the most commonly grown flowers and used extensively on religious and social functions in different forms. Flowers are sold in the market as loose or as garlands.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Zendu	Marigolds are available in a range of gold, maroon, yellow and orange shades.	Spring, Summer, Fall	African marigolds that reach heights of 2 to 3 feet	Easy

### Planting and care

Marigolds need lots of sunshine.

Though they grow in almost any soil, marigolds thrive in moderately fertile, well-drained soil.

Sow them directly into the garden once the soil is warm, or start seeds indoors about a month to 6 weeks before the last spring-frost date.

Seeds germinate easily, and about 2 weeks after sowing if you start them inside.

Plant them in flats of loose soil, or transplant them into the garden.

Space tall marigolds 2 to 3 feet apart; lower-growing ones about a foot apart.

If planting in containers, use a soil-based potting mix.

Germination from large, easily handled seeds is rapid, and blooms should appear within a few weeks of sowing.

If the spent blossoms are deadheaded, the plants will continue to bloom profusely.

When you water marigolds, allow the soil to dry somewhat between watering, then water well, then repeat the process.

Do not water marigolds from overhead. Water at the base of the plant.

Do not fertilize marigolds. Too rich a diet stimulates lush foliage at the expense of flowers.

Marigolds bloom better and more profusely in poor soil.

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Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Marigolds need lots of sunshine (at least six hours of direct sunlight) and do well with year round warm to hot weather	Though they grow in almost any soil, marigolds thrive in moderately fertile, well-drained soil.	Keep soil moist throughout the growing season	NA	Use any organic fertilizer

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### Typical uses of African Marigold

**Special features:** Due to its variable height and colour marigold is especially use for decoration and included in landscape plans.

**Culinary use:** The bright petals of signet marigolds add color and a spicy tang to salads and other summer dishes. The flower petals are sometimes cooked with rice to impart the color (but unfortunately not the flavor) of saffron.

**Ornamental use:** Its generally keep indoor and in terrace area

**Medicinal use:** One of the health benefits of marigolds is that it is used in the treatment of minor burns when used in the form of ointments or a tincture. Health benefits and therapeutic uses of marigold flowers as well as the leaves of the marigold include it being beneficial in minimizing the number of tumors in the case of breast cancer as well as in the prevention of the development of new cancer cells. One of the medicinal uses of marigolds is that it promotes the growth of both new blood vessels as well as new skin tissue and hence it is used in the healing of wounds such as burns, scrapes as well as irritated skin. Note: The following information is general guidelines. Be sure to ask your healthcare provider for guidelines.

### References

<http://homeguides.sfgate.com/common-marigold-40723.html>