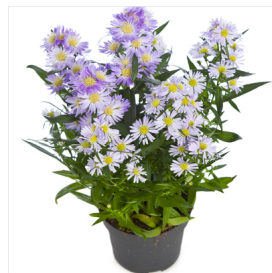


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Asters get their name from the Latin word for "star," and their flowers are indeed the superstars of the fall garden. Some types of this native plant can reach up to 6 feet with flowers in white and pinks but also, perhaps most strikingly, in rich purples and showy lavenders.

Not all asters are fall bloomers. Extend the season by growing some of the summer bloomers, as well. Some are naturally compact; tall types that grow more than 2 feet tall benefit from staking or an early-season pinching or cutting back by about one-third in July or so to keep the plant more compact.

Aster is a genus of flowering plants in the family Asteraceae. Its circumscription has been narrowed, and it now encompasses around 180 species, all but one of which are restricted to Eurasia; many species formerly in Aster are now in other genera of the tribe Astereae.

Asters are beautiful flowers that have lovely fringed petals. Some varieties of asters are annuals, but most asters are perennials, which means they come back year after year. Some asters look a lot like miniature daisies, and they are every bit as charming. Other varieties of asters have a single row of fringe-like petals. The petals of asters appear to be very delicate since they are narrow and fine, and although asters appear to be fragile flowers, there are very hardy varieties to choose from.

Asters come in a wide variety of colors, and they are available in many different shades. You can find asters in various shades of pink, white, mauve, blue, purple, and red. There are numerous varieties and colors of asters, so you can be sure there are asters that will coordinate well with your unique garden or flower bed.

Depending on the variety, asters grow to a height ranging between sixteen and twenty-four inches. Asters produce blooms for weeks at a time, and they are a wonderful choice for anyone wanting a beautiful flower that will create drama and add incomparable beauty to their yard or garden.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Michaelmas daisy, Aster	Lavender flower	Summer, Fall	up to 6 feet	Medium

Planting and care

Asters are easily grown from division. Aster plants do best, if divided every two to three years. Simply dig out half to two thirds of the plants, leaving the remainder in place. Then separate the portion you dug out into two sections and plant in another location or give them to a friend.

Aster seeds can also be directly seeded into your flower garden, or seeded indoors for transplanting later. We recommend planting Asters in pots and containers indoors, then transplanting the seedlings outdoors in early spring. This allows you to make the proper spacing.

Sunlight Select a site with full sun to partial sun.	Soil Add compost or other organic material to your soil if necessary weeks in advance of planting your asters. Even if your soil is fine in texture, compost and organic material is beneficial to asters since it adds beneficial nutrients that will naturally enhance growth and improve the overall health of your asters.	Water Water plants in well. Soil should be moist, well-drained, and average to humus-rich.	Temperature Asters prefer climates with cool, moist summers, especially cool night temperatures	Fertilizer Fertilize soil prior to planting
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Caring for Aster

- Add a thin layer of compost with a 2â€-inch layer of mulch around the plants every spring.
- If you receive less than 1 inch of rain a week, remember to water your plants regularly during the summer.
- However, many asters are moisture-sensitive; if your plants have too much moisture or too little moisture, they will often lose their lower foliage or not flower well.
- Keep an eye out for any stressed plants and try a different watering method if your plants are losing flowers.
- Cut asters back in winter after the foliage has died.
- Divide every 2 to 3 years in the spring to maintain your plant s vigor and flower quality.

Typical uses of Aster

Special features: Attracts Butterflies

Ornamental use: The plant is used for ornamental purpose. Its generally kep indoor in living room and in terrac area. You can find an aster for almost any garden and they have many uses, such as in borders, rock gardens, or wildflower gardens. Asters also attract butterflies to your garden!

References