

Zinnia (Peach) - Plant



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Description

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Zinnias have bright, solitary, daisy-like flower heads on a single, erect stem. The most common zinnia is "dahlia-flowered" and grows up to three feet. Other types are "cactus-flowered."

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
-	Red, Pink, Orange, Yellow, Purple, White, Multicolor	Summer	18 to 24 inches.	Easy.

Planting and care

Zinnia leaves are opposite and usually stalkless (sessile), with a shape ranging from linear to ovate, and pale to middle green in color. The flowers have a range of appearances, from a single row of petals, to a dome shape, with the colors white, chartreuse, yellow, orange, red, purple, and lilac.

Zinnias seem especially favored by butterflies, and many gardeners add zinnias specifically to attract them.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Full sun.	Rich, well-drained soil.	Keep the soil moist, but not soggy, for young plants. Mature zinnias require less watering, as grown flowers are somewhat drought tolerant.	above 50 F. (10 C).	A 5-10-5 fertilizer in mid season will help to keep zinnia plants growing strongly.

Caring for Zinnia

- Zinnia care may also include watering in the early morning, which allows the foliage and flowers ample time to dry off before nightfall.
- Zinnias should be planted 12-24" apart in rich, well drained garden soil.
- They require full sun to bloom,
- but will appreciate a little afternoon shade in the hottest regions.
- Zinnias dislike having wet foliage, so if possible, they should be watered with a soaker hose.
- Once established, your Zinnia will only need watering during extended periods of drought.
- They should be planted where they have good air circulation to help prevent powdery mildew.
- Feed every 4-6 weeks with a balanced, all purpose fertilizer.
- Deadhead regularly to keep plants flowering until fall.

Typical uses of Zinnia

Special features:

Ornamental use: Use in an annual or mixed border. Smaller zinnias are suitable for edging, window boxes or other containers. The narrow-leaf zinnia also works well in hanging baskets.
Zinnias are very popular for cut flowers.

References

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