

Purple Prince Zinnia

Zinnia elegans 'Purple Prince'

At a Glance

Height: 30 to 40 inches tall

Bloom Colors: Rich royal purple double blooms

Bloom Time: Summer through frost

Days to Maturity: 75-90 days

Best For: Cut flowers, borders, pollinator gardens

Growing Conditions Quick Reference

Soil Temperature: 70-80F for best germination

Soil Type: Well-drained, moderately fertile soil

Light Requirements: Full sun

Planting Depth: 1/4 inch deep

Seeding Rate: Sow 2-3 seeds every 9-12 inches, thin to strongest

Plant Spacing: 9-12 inches apart

Moisture Needs: Moderate; avoid wet foliage

Average Germination Time: 5-10 days

How to Grow

When to Plant: Direct sow after last frost when soil is warm, or start indoors 4 weeks early.

Location: Full sun for best flowering.

Spacing: Thin seedlings to 9-12 inches apart.

Watering: Moderate; water at base to avoid mildew.

Fertilizer: Light feeding mid-season for continuous blooms.

Tips for Success

Deadhead spent blooms to encourage more flowers.

Provide good air circulation to prevent powdery mildew.

Excellent for cut flower gardens and pollinator habitats.

Heat and drought tolerant once established.

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Fun Fact

Purple Prince Zinnias are heirloom varieties known for their regal color and long vase life as cut flowers.

Companion Planting

Pairs well with marigolds, cosmos, and celosia for vibrant summer beds.

Harvesting and Use

Cut blooms when petals are fully open for longest vase life. Zinnias attract butterflies and beneficial pollinators.

Quick Planting Checklist

- Direct sow after frost or start indoors early
- Thin seedlings to 9-12 inches apart
- Deadhead regularly for more blooms
- Cut for fresh arrangements all summer