



Dear Dahlia Grower:

We are excited to present our 2023 Dahlia Catalog to you. You will notice that this assortment contains some tried-and-true varieties as well as new hybrids. We are always refining our assortment to provide only the best performers and weed out any troublesome ones. There are over 30 new varieties this year and these are clearly marked. In the first few pages you will see pictures of families that blend well together for color and size. This can be helpful for all growers.

2022 was a markedly better growing season for dahlias than 2021 and we have overcome some problems. Yet, we are continuing to work on further improvements. We strive to bring you only the best quality tubers available so that you will have the best flowers!

All of us in the agriculture world know that each year is a challenge, no matter your location. We can assist you with correct scheduling and suggest combination shipments to keep shipping costs lower.

Contact us at GrowerSupport@EdnieFlowerBulb.com.
We are available 6 days a week, always closed on Sundays.

To place orders, contact your Ball Seed sales rep directly or call the Ball Seed main office. Remember, this is a natural crop and we will now fully know the numbers until after harvest, so the earlier you place your order, the better! Varieties which have lower-than-expected yield are given to those who placed their orders first. We do not pro rate to give each grower a little bit, so order now!

Thank you in advance for the confidence you place in our products.

Happy Growing!!

Ednie Flower Bulbs

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Flower Bulb



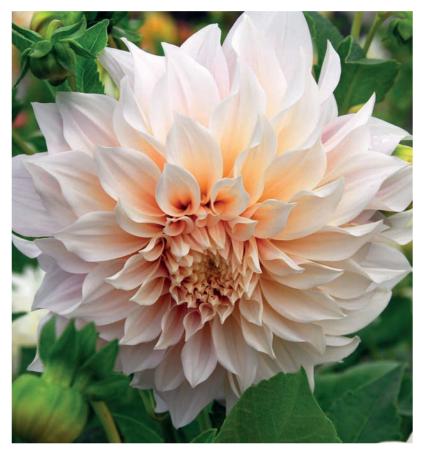
= cut flower











Café au Lait 270 mm / 10.5"



Bohemian Spartacus 250 mm / 10"



Clyde's Choice 250 mm / 10"

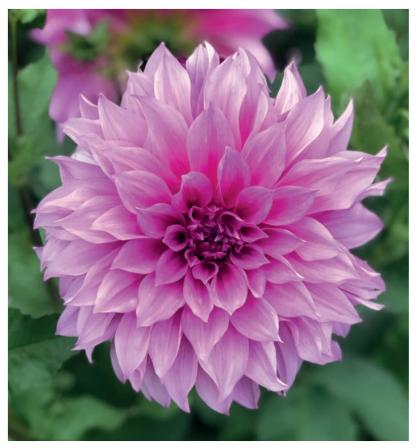


Belle of Barmera 250 mm / 10"



Blondee 240 mm / 9.5"





Café au Lait Rosé 250 mm / 10''





Fleurel 250 mm / 10''



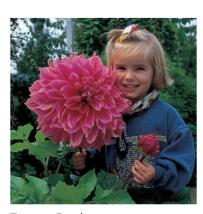
Gitt's Perfection



Hapet Blue Eyes 250 mm / 10"



Café au Lait Royal



Emory Paul 270 mm / 10.5"



Jocondo 250 mm / 10"



Café au Lait Suprême® 250 mm / 10"



Café au Lait Twist 250 mm / 10"







Lavender Perfection 250 mm / 10"





Kelvin Floodlight



Mingus Alex 250 mm / 10"

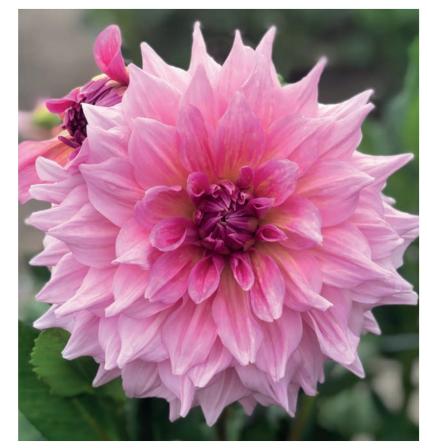


Wanda's Aurora 250 mm / 10"



White Perfection 250 mm / 10"





Otto's Thrill 250 mm / 10"



Giant / Large Flowered Decorative



LARGE



Babylon Bronze 220 mm / 8.5"





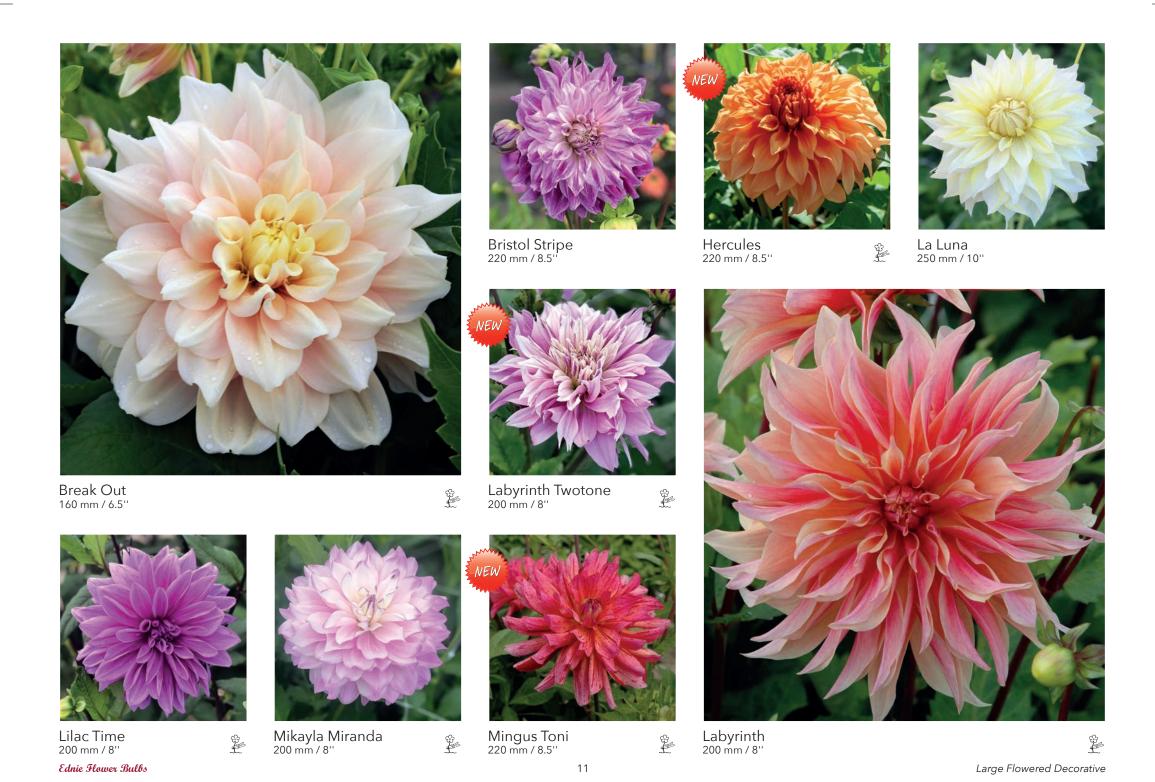
Babylon Lila 200 mm / 8"





Babylon Red 240 mm / 9.5"







Spartacus 220 mm / 8.5"



Strawberry Ice 220 mm / 8.5"



Thomas A. Edison





Uncle B



200 mm / 8"



Yarra Falls 200 mm / 8"

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Tartan 200 mm / 8''



Large Flowered Decorative

Dr. P.H. Riedell 150 mm / 6"



Patches 150 mm / 6"



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Ryan C 150 mm / 6"



Renate Tozio



Erpeler Ley 160 mm / 6.5"





Miss Delilah 160 mm / 6.5 "

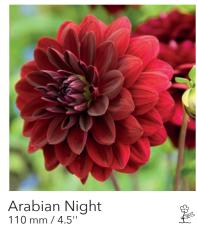




Admiral Rawlings



Anna Cornelia



Arabian Night



All That Jazz



American Sun 110 mm / 4.5"





Arbatax 100 mm / 4"





Caramel Antique



Crème de Cassis



Bacardi 130 mm / 5"



Bizon Bronze 110 mm / 4.5"



Blue Bell 110 mm / 4.5"

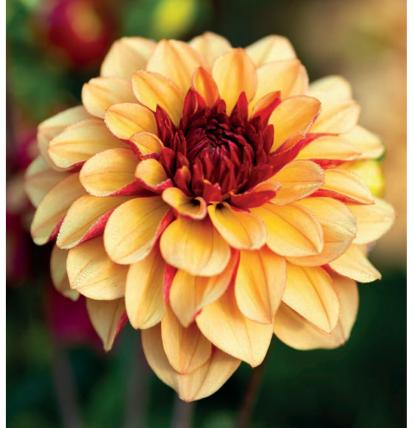




Bocherell 120 mm / 4.5"



Diva Us 120 mm / 4.5"





Crème de Cognac 100 mm / 4"





Esli 80 mm / 3"



Irish Pinwheel



Feline Yvonne



Ginger Snap 120 mm / 4.5"



Gitt's Attention





Hapet Daydream



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French Cancan 140 mm / 5.5"



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Justyna 120 mm / 4.5"

Hemisphere 140 mm / 5.5"



Laughing Lizza



Karma Amora® 150 mm / 6"



Karma Naomi® 140 mm / 5.5''



Karma Prospero® 150 mm / 6"





Love of my life



Mondriaan 120 mm / 4.5"



Manoa 100 mm / 4"



Mr. Bojangles



Muchacha 120 mm / 4.5"







Myrthe 120 mm / 4.5"



Orange & Snow 130 mm / 5"

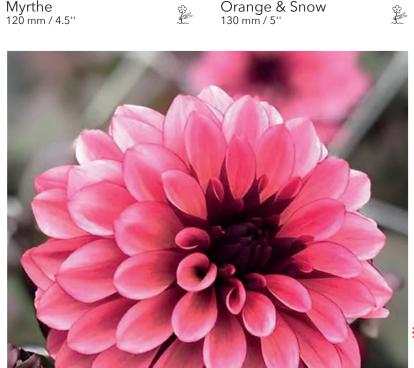


Orange Girl



Orange King 120 mm / 4.5"

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Night Silence



Painted Black

Orange Pekoe



Peaches 120 mm / 4.5"



Pink Runner 120 mm / 5"



Small Flowered Decorative



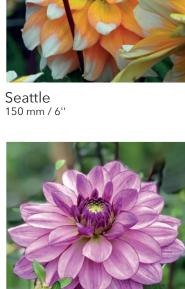
Purple Flame 120 mm / 4.5"

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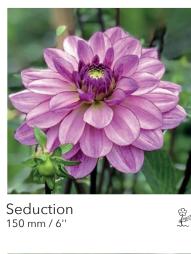


Red Runner









Salmon Runner



Silver Years 150 mm / 6"



Stratos 140 mm / 5.5"



Strawberry Cream 90 mm / 3.5"



Pink Silk 110 mm / 4.5"





Small Flowered Decorative



Seniors Hope 120 mm / 4.5"



Sweet Nathalie 130 mm / 5" Small Flowered Decorative



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Tangerine Dream 170 mm / 6.5"



Tyrell 200 mm / 8"

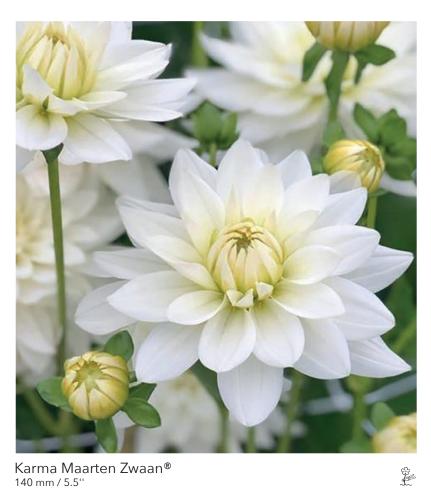


Sweet Sanne





WATERLILY



Karma Maarten Zwaan® 140 mm / 5.5"



Peace Pact 140 mm / 5.5"



Gerrie Hoek 120 mm / 5.5"

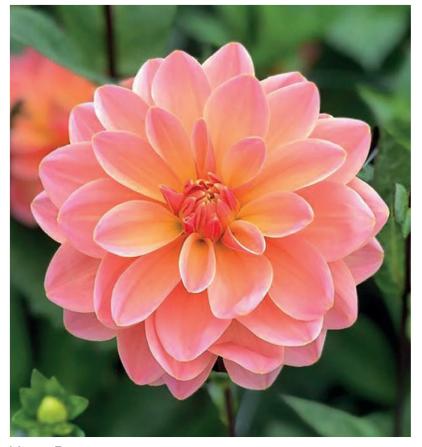


Eternal Snow 130 mm / 5"



Glory van Heemstede 120 mm / 4.5"





Mister Frans 140 mm / 5.5"





Sam Hopkins



Yelno Harmony 120 mm / 4.5"





Yvonne 120 mm / 4.5"









Autumn Pumpkin 90 mm / 3.5"



Bistro 90 mm / 3.5"



Bonanza 90 mm / 3.5"

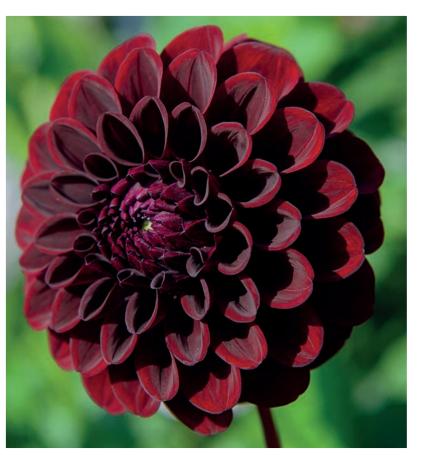


American Sunset



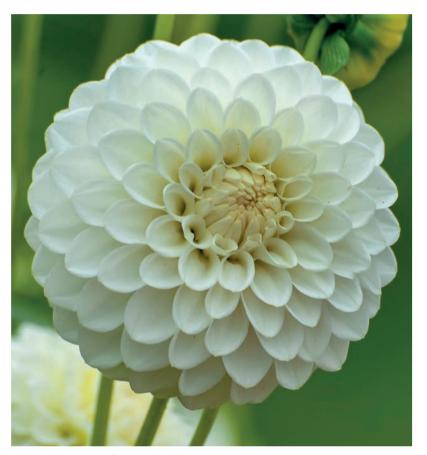
Babette 100 mm / 4"





Black Diamond

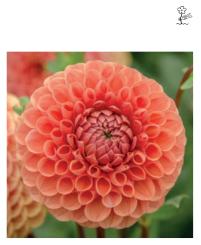




Boom Boom White 90 mm / 3.5"



Cornel 100 mm / 4"



Cornel Bronze 80 mm / 3"



Boy Scout 70 mm / 3"



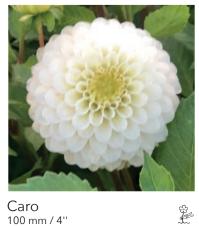


Brown Sugar



Caitlin's Joy 90 mm / 3.5"





Caro 100 mm / 4"

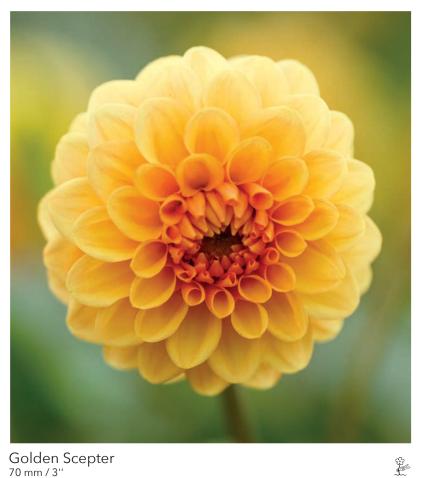


Cryfield Harmony



Checkers 140 mm / 5.5"





Ivanetti 80 mm/3"

Golden Scepter



Isabel 80 mm/3"



Genova 70 mm/3"



Eveline 100 mm / 4"



Happy Halloween 120 mm / 4.5"







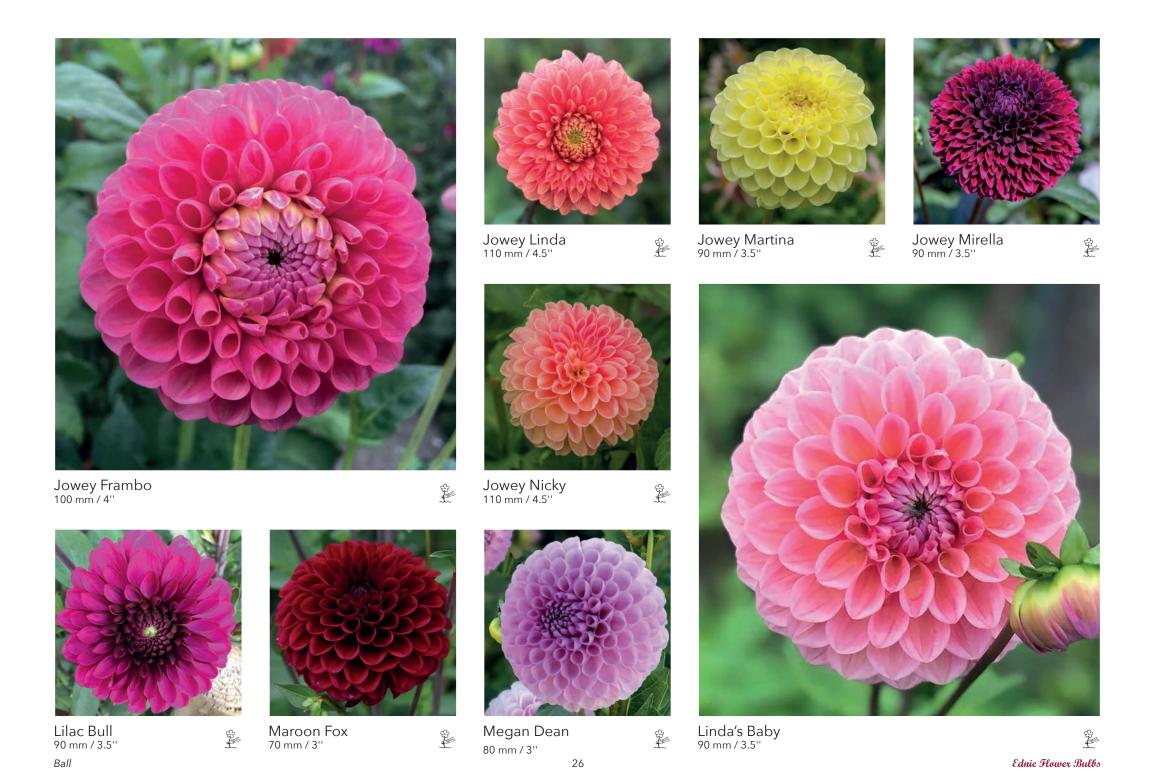


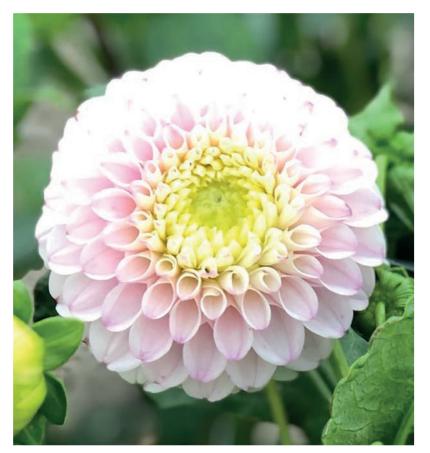
Jowey Chantal 90 mm / 3.5"





Isa's Favorite

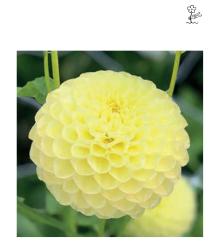




Pink Pearl



Pink Sylvia (Sandra) 90 mm / 3.5"



Polventum Supreme 120 mm / 4.5"



Natal 60 mm / 1.5"



Orange Symphony



Orsett Beauty 90 mm / 3.5"





Pink Suffusion 90 mm / 3.5"



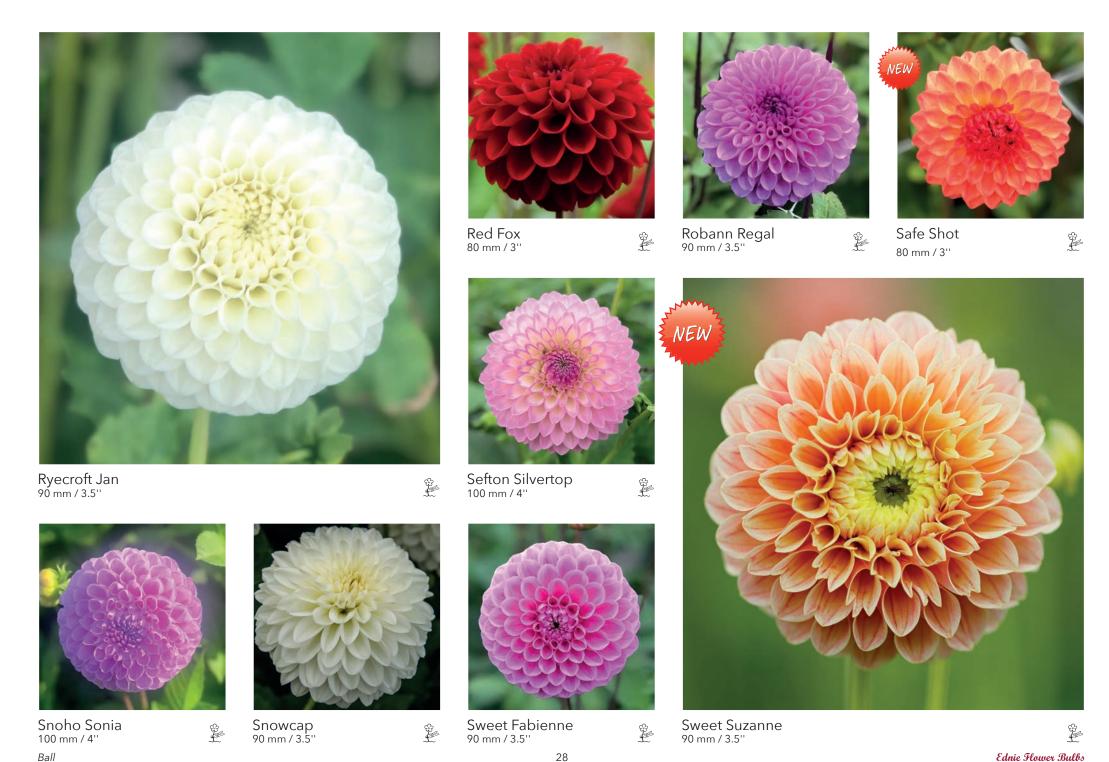
Red Cap 90 mm / 3.5"

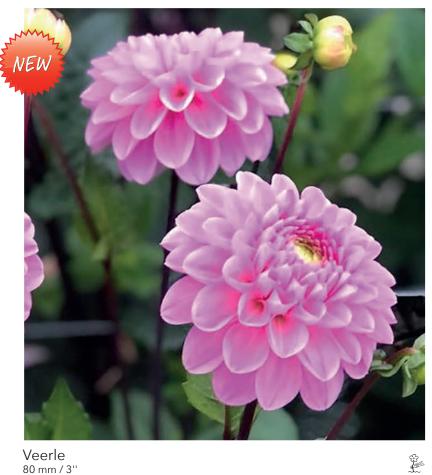


100 mm / 4''









Veerle 80 mm/3"



Yellow Symphony 120 mm / 4.5"



Zundert Mystery Fox 80 mm / 3"



Sylvia 110 mm / 4.5''



Symphony 120 mm / 4.5"



White Wizard (Light Wizard) 80 mm / 3"

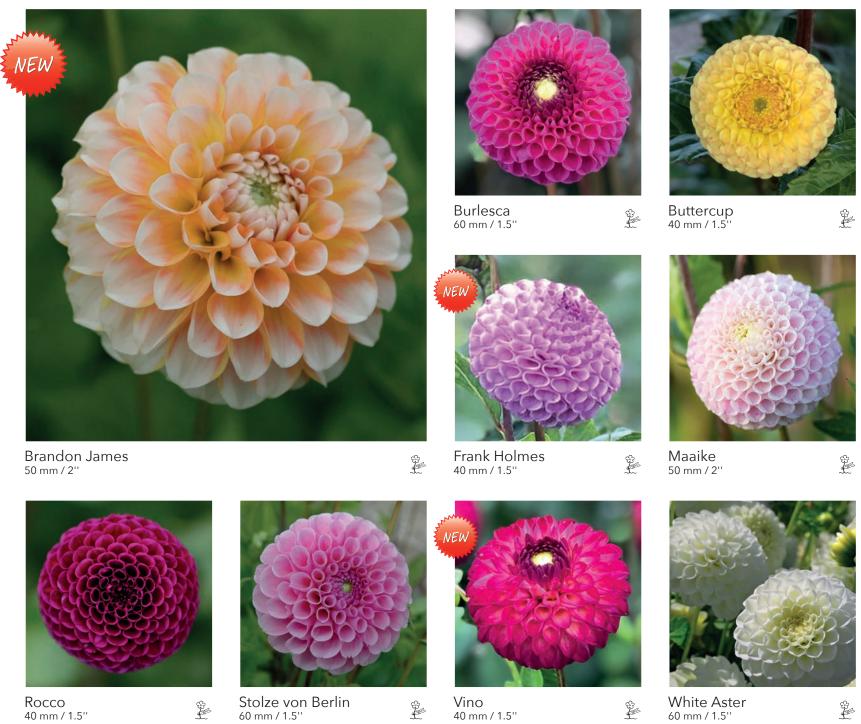


Wizard of Oz 80 mm / 3"



Wine Eyed Jill





CAC SEMI-CA



Apricot Star



Chat Noir 150 mm / 6"



Karma Bon Bini® 100 mm / 4"



Karma Sangria® 150 mm / 6"





Omega 200 mm / 8"





Preference 120 mm / 4.5"



Café de Paris® 170 mm / 6.5"

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Penhill Autumn Shade 200 mm / 8"





Vancouver 150 mm / 6"

ANEMONE



Misses Amy 100 mm / 4"



Princess Nadine



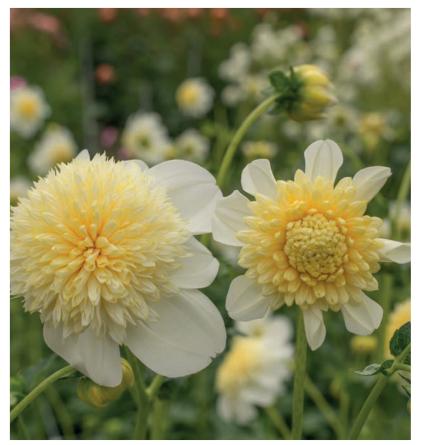
Speech 90 mm/3.5"



Mambo 130 mm / 5"



Polka 130 mm / 5"



Platinum Blonde 90 mm / 3.5"

Totally Tangerine



Rockstar



Take Off 90 mm / 3.5" Ednie Flower Bulbs

MISCELLANEOUS



Imperialis 120 mm / 4.5"



Imperialis White

33 Anemone / Miscellaneous

Practical Tips

Cut flower production of Dahlias

Planting material

We sell #1 size tuber clumps. Not Individual tubers. Dahlia clumps will produce more shoots because they have more eyes on the clump.

Storage

Storage in crates at a temperature of 46°F (8°C) until planting. Open the crates/boxes and bags for ventilation. Avoid strong fans that may cause tubers to dry out.

Types of Dahlias



Ball Pon



Pompon



Cactus



Small & Medium **Decorative**



Large & Giant Decorative

Soil

Dahlias will grow in any type of soil. The ideal pH value is 6 to 7. Applying lime will increase the pH. Good drainage is necessary to keep the underground parts of the plant from rotting; this means that water should drain quickly following heavy rainfall. Dahlias have large leaf surfaces and transpire large quantities of water. This water can be absorbed by the roots only when soil moisture levels are adequate. For these reasons, frequent monitoring of the soil moisture is important. Water thoroughly when planting, then lightly until plants are established. As plants grow larger, increase watering frequency. Drip irrigation is recommended. Insufficient moisture results in slow growth, fewer flowers and leaf yellowing.

Nutrients

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The soil must contain adequate levels of potassium and phosphate. If the level of phosphate is too low, apply to the soil before planting.

Potassium can also be applied before planting. Incorporate the potassium and phosphate thoroughly into the upper 6" (15cm) of soil. The application of nitrate can influence the vegetative development during the growth period. Monitor the colour of the leaves (they should remain bright green) and strive for a continuous development of leaves and flowers. A nitrate deficiency will result in short plants with a pale leaf colour, but too much nitrate will produce straggling, limp plants, with fewer flowers.

Planting period

Soil should be at least 55°F (13°C) before planting. Planting into cold soil raises the chance of rotting tubers. Dahlias grow best at air temperatures between 60-75°F (15-25°C), but can withstand cooler, or warmer temperatures, they will not tolerate any frost.

Planting density and planting

Standard spacing is two rows, 15-18" (38-45cm) apart in a 3-4"

(1-1.2m) wide bed. Space plants 18" (45cm) apart down the row, in an alternating pattern. Use wider spacing for cultivars with a large, more spreading habit. Cover the crown of the tuber on which the growth eyes are located with 1" (2-3cm) of soil. Tubers should be horizontal or pointing down.

Bloom period

Dahlias begin to bloom 10-12 weeks after planting, and continue until frost. Growing in a high tunnel may protect plants from early frosts. Dahlias in the field can be protected from a light frost by running sprinklers on them throughout the night, until air temperatures are above freezing the following morning.

Weed control

Weeds can be controlled by the

use of mulch, manual weeding, or herbicides. Start with a weed free planting bed. Read and follow all chemical labels to ensure the product is labelled for Dahlias. Many growers plant dahlias in landscape fabric to control weeds, and conserve moisture. If grown in landscape fabric in areas with high heat, spread clean straw on the fabric to reduce heat gain from the sun.

Support

Tall dahlias need support. The weight of the plant and its flowers is so great that high wind and heavy rain can knock the plants to the ground. Use Hortonova Crop Support Netting, or Gloeckner Welded Wire Flower Support (Both available on page 118 of the Gloeckner supply catalog.), placed horizontally over the dahlias, soon

after planting. Include intermediate supports along the sides of the bed. Growers have also been successful using the Florida Tomato Weave method of staking.

Disbudding

To produce long attractive stems and larger flowers, growers may remove axillary shoots. A dahlia plant continues to produce new offshoots. Harvesting the flowers stimulates this and makes it possible to continue harvesting over a long period. Some growers remove the central stem with a hard "pinch" to encourage earlier branching.

Harvesting flowers

For uniform flower maturity, it is important to cut the flowers every day. On warm days harvest early in the morning or late in the afternoon. Harvest half to fully open, depending on your needs. Cut long stems to encourage the plant to produce more long stems. Bunching can be done immediately in the field or later in the processing facility. Remove the lowest leaves. Trim the flower stems in each bunch to the desired length and place them in a waterfilled container. Use a chlorine tablet to prevent bacterial growth.

Storing flowers

Place the flowers in a cooler at 35°F (2°C) use a holding solution to extend vase life and keep the water in the bucket clean. Dahlias are best "picked today, and sold tomorrow". Holding dahlias overnight in a cooler has shown to reduce premature wilting. Dahlias do not store well for long periods. Pick new and compost the old.



Pests and diseases

Various pests and diseases can affect the production of dahlias for cut flowers. Here are the most common ones accompanied by their control measures. Remember to consider hygiene and to start with healthy starting material. Prevention is better than a cure. Foliage or flowers damaged by insects or disease will not recover. If the problem is addressed, new growth should be fine.

Cause	Symptons	Prevention/control
Dahlia smut (Entyloma dahliae)	Light green to yellow round spots and sometimes angular spots bounded by veins appear primarily on the lowest leaves and measure up to 7/16" (2-10mm) across. The infection occurs mainly during flowering and then particularly under humid conditions.	Use a generous crop rotation period. Choose a planting density that will allow the foliage to dry quickly after rainfall. Remove and destroy diseasedand dead plant parts. If necessary, spray with a fungicide according to instructions.
Aerial stalk rot (Sclerotinia sclerotiorum)	The sudden weakening of one or more stalks on a plant is a symptom of this disease. Large sclerotia with the appearance of rat faeces form inside the hollow stems. Damage occurs primarily on plots that are regularly used for producing host plants such as Dahlia, beans, Chrysanthemum, Liatris and potatoes.	In case of an infestation, spray with a fungicide according to instructions. Remove and destroy diseased plants along with neighbouring plants. Steam infected soil. Use a generous crop rotation period.
Aphids	The upper leaves of young shoots become misshapen or tightly curled. Clusters off black or green aphids can be found on the undersides of these leaves and sometimes on young stems and flower stems as well.	If necessary, spray with a insecticide according to instructions.
Spider mite	Affected leaves turn dark brown in places and fall off prematurely. These symptoms are generally caused by Tetranychus urticae (Red Spider Mite) that occurs on many host plants. Hot dry weather increases the reproduction rate of spider mites.	Spray regularly and according to the instructions with an agent that controls red spider mite.
Thrips (Thrips tabaci)	Affected plants display a noticeably slowed rate of growth. Often, the lowest leaves are shaped normally but the younger leaves are highly misshapen. Flower formation is also disrupted. Hot dry weather increases the reproduction rate of thrips.	Spray with insecticide according to instructions. Be sure to treat the tips of the buds thoroughly.



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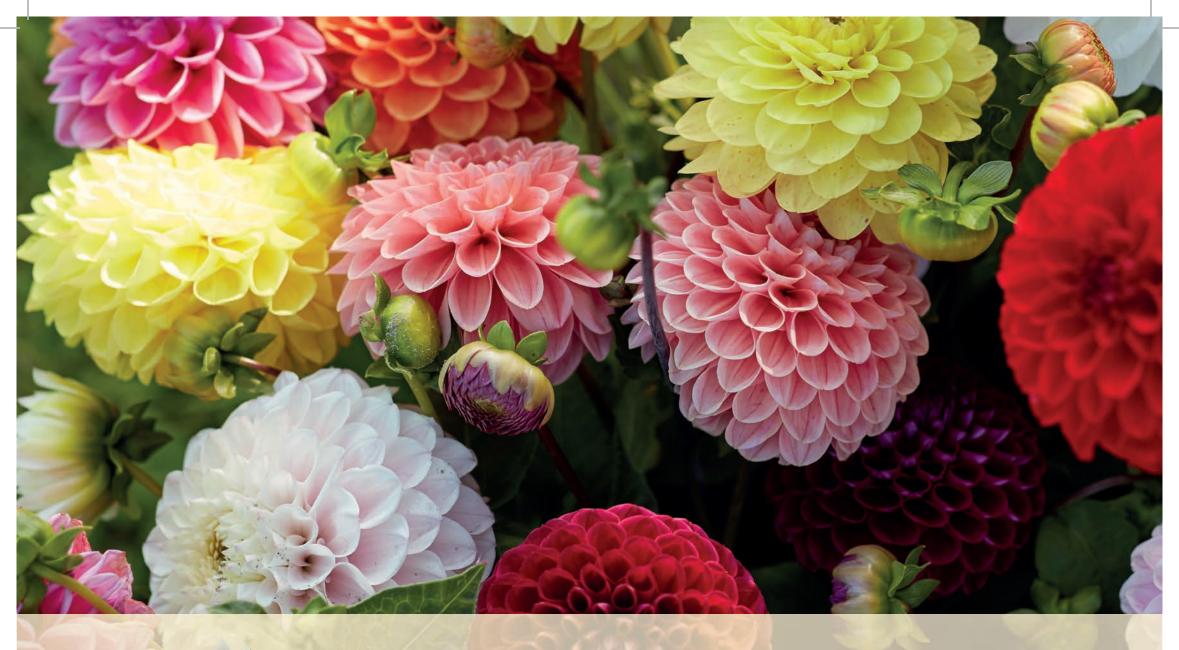
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