

Zinnia

Giant Blue Point zinnias produce dahlia-flowered zinnias with tall stems in large double blooms. Crimson red, lilac, rose, canary yellow, deep red, white, and orange. These zinnias are long blooming with excellent disease resistance. Picking off the dead flowers will prolong the bloom time, but so will cutting them for bouquets.

Type: Annual

Height: Varied

Exposure: Full sun

Difficulty: Easy



Growing

Direct sow after last frost. Just cover Zinnia seeds, and aim for a final spacing of 25-30cm (10-12") between plants.

Depending on the variety, it takes about two months after sowing for the first flowers to appear. Take regular cuttings of stems to enjoy indoors, starting mid-summer into the fall. Cutting encourages the production of new flowers and seems to stimulate the plants for greater vigour. Try to avoid overhead watering to prevent mildew.

Saving

Remove seed heads after all petals have fallen off and the seed heads look dry and brown. Dry the seed heads in a paper bag or container for about a week. Shake the seed heads around in the sealed container or paper bag. Sift the seed/chaff mixture using a fine mesh kitchen strainer. Repeat this step to remove most of the chaff. Put the seeds into a dated and labeled envelope and return to Brock!