

ZINNIA ZAHARA® 'DOUBLE BRILLIANT MIX'

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Characteristics

- Type: Annual
- Species: marylandica
- Variety: 'Zahara Double Brilliant Mix'
- Full sun
- Bloom Color: Orange, Cherry Red, Yellow
- Bloom Time: Late Summer – Early Fall
- Habit: Compact
- Plant Height: 12 in - 18 in
- Plant Width: 12 in - 18 in
- Bloom Size: 2.5 in
- Heat tolerant
- Humidity tolerant
- Drought tolerant
- Attracts butterflies
- Texas Superstar® Plant

Culture

The marylandica types of zinnias grow in mounds of color. The plant tends to be more compact or bushier than standard zinnia varieties. Gardeners are used to pinching off or pruning young plants of the standard zinnia types to encourage bushy-ness, but this is not required for the Zahara® Zinnia. Place the plants so they get good air circulation or flow will further help prevent fungal leaf diseases. Usually, fall zinnias of all types begin showing up in Texas garden centers in September. They are usually available in 4-inch and larger pots for transplanting to the landscape.

Noteworthy Characteristics

This Zinnia is so Tolerant of Heat, Humidity, and Drought, it was planted for the Beijing Olympics. The Zahara® series introduced in 2009 and immediately became famous for its resistance to mildew and leaf spot, its nonstop blooms, and its larger flower size. It now comes a mix of 3 double-flowered varieties: brilliant yellow, brightest cherry red, and rich orange fire. These blooms are fully 2½ inches wide, and they pop up all over super-compact plants, drawing bees and butterflies into the garden and absolutely wowing those hot, dry beds and water-starved containers. They're not really grown for cut flowers, but they will be attractive in bouquets. This is a Texas Superstar® Plant known for the quality and reliability of the plant

Problems

These zinnias withstand heat, humidity, and drought. The Zahara® series is the first bedding Zinnia that can truly claim to be disease-resistant.

Garden Uses

The bushy characteristic makes them ideal for mixed borders, beds, cutting gardens, containers and what are known as “cottage gardens”. Fall zinnias tolerate Texas heat well and will display color until the first frost, if properly watered and fertilized.