

Dianthus Chabaud Mix *Dianthus caryophyllus*

Lifecycle: Annual; tender perennial
Zone: 7,8,9
Hardiness: Hardy Annual
Height: 24–30" (60–75 cm)
Spreading: 12" (30 cm)
Sun: Full sun
Soil: Rich, well-drained, neutral to alkaline pH
Season: Summer
Seed to Bloom: 14–16 weeks
Colour: mix colours



SOWING INSTRUCTIONS:

Depth: 1/16"

Sprout Time: 7–14 days

Starting indoors: Sow indoors 10–12 weeks before planting out after last frost date. Keep at 65–70°F (18–21 °C) until germination occurs, then at 50–55°F (10–13 °C).

Starting outdoors: Direct sows 3–4 weeks before the last spring frost date.

When to Set Outside: At last frost date.

PLACEMENT AND CULTIVATION

An old-fashioned cut flower, Chabaud carnations spicy fragrance and gathered petals have endeared them to generations of gardeners. A favourite cottage garden flower too, best supported by short twiggy brush placed early to provide a framework for the narrow silvery-green foliage and tall stems. Pinch back when seedlings reach about 6–8" tall for more branching and flowers.

Final Spacing: 6–8" (15–20 cm)

Water Use: Medium Water Use

Watering Details: Water regularly, about 1" per week for best growth and flowering. In zones where it is winter hardy, it will tolerate some drought once fully established. Avoid overwatering and saturated soils.

The soil pH: Tolerates most soil pH levels, but neutral to alkaline is preferred. If soil is acidic, apply a handful of lime when planting.

Fertilizer: Apply a low-nitrogen granular, organic fertilizer or 2" (5 cm) of compost in springtime.

Diseases and pests: Leaf spots can mar the leaves of Dianthus. Space well apart for good air circulation. Avoid saturated soils which may lead to root rots.

When to Cut: When flowers are halfway open.