

ZINNIA INCA 61-9787-000

GROWING GUIDE

SOWING INSTRUCTIONS:

Depth: 1/16-1/4"

Sprout Time: 5-10 days

Starting Indoors: 6-8 weeks before last frost. Keep at 70-80°F.

Starting Outdoors: Recommended. Direct sow in spring in full sun after last spring frost. Thin when seedlings reach 4-6" tall.

WHEN TO SET OUTSIDE

After last spring frost, when night temperatures remain above 50°F.

PLACEMENT & CULTIVATION

Perfect for mixed borders, beds, or containers, zinnias will brighten up almost any location with full sun and rich, well-drained soil. Pinch back when seedlings reach about 6-8" in height to encourage bushy growth. Deadhead regularly.

Water Use: Medium

Watering Details: Tolerates drought, but performs best when watered regularly. Keep moist, watering only in the morning. Avoid wetting the leaves.

Soil pH: Acidic to neutral

Fertilizer: Scratch in an organic, all-purpose granular fertilizer soon after planting out, and again when flowering begins.

Diseases & Pests: Avoid fungal issues by spacing properly and placing in a location with good air circulation. If problems arise, treat with an organic fungicide or neem oil. If slugs are troublesome, treat the surrounding soil with pelletized iron phosphate. Diatomaceous earth or crushed eggshells can also be spread on the surrounding soil to prevent or resolve this issue.

PLANT DESCRIPTION

Plant: Green ovate to lance shaped leaves have no petiole (stem-like structure), are lance-shaped, and line the rigid stems in an opposite pattern, forming an overall somewhat bushy-like plant.

Flowering: Fiery orange twisted petals, somewhat yellow towards the center

Seeds: Flowers will turn into brown seed heads containing achenes, seeds that are similar to those of sunflowers.

When to Cut: Fully opened flowers