



*Did you know?*  
Zinnias are native to Mexico and Central America.

## Overview

- Zinnias are members of the huge Aster family and are closely related to daisies.
- Once flowering, even if you don't deadhead the spent blooms, zinnias, especially newer hybrids, will continue to produce more flower until frost.
- Many zinnia make great choices for the cutting garden.

## Production

Plants range from 6 inches tall to almost 4 feet tall.

There are varieties with single or double petaled flowers in almost all the colors of the rainbow.

# Zinnia

**Kingdom: Plantae**

**Class: Magnoliopsida**

**Order: Asterales**

**Family: Asteraceae**

**Genus: Zinnia L.**



## History

- The first zinnias were discovered in Mexico and brought to Europe by the Spaniards in the 1500's.
- The Aztecs originally called them "plants that are hard on the eyes" because of their colorful flowers.

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