

# MARIGOLDS AT-A-GLANCE



## ABOUT

- Grown as an annual
- Easy to grow from seeds but can do transplants
- High tolerance to heat and drought; deer and rabbit resistant
- Daisy or Carnation-like blooms
- Make great companion plants; repel aphids, whiteflies, tomato hornworms, nematodes & mosquitoes

- Loosen soil 6" deep
- Place seeds 1" apart and only 1/8" deep (no deeper than 1")
- Cover lightly with soil and water
- Germinates as quick as 3 days
- Thin once plants are 2" high so plants are 8-10" apart
- Will bloom in 6-8 weeks
- If started seeds indoors, transplant when 2" tall in early morning or on cloudy day

## STATS

- Over 50 varieties
- 3 types: French, African & Signet
- Range from 6" to 3' tall
- Blooms red, orange, yellow, white, and variations of those
- Plants vary between 6" to 2' wide

## MAINTENANCE

- Need 1" rain/water weekly; more for container plants
- Water at base of plant, not overhead
- Can add mulch but keep away from stems
- Fertilize every 10-14 days with 1/4-1/2 of normal dose; liquid fertilizers are best choice
- Deadhead spent blooms to keep plants continually blooming
- Taller varieties may need staking

## REQUIREMENTS

- Growing zones 3-11
- Full to mostly-full sun
- Neutral soil pH that is fertile and well-draining soil
- Germinate best in 70-75° F soil

## ISSUES

- Spider mites
- Powdery mildew & root rot

## PLANTING SEEDS

- Can plant once threat of frost past

## MISC

- Make excellent dried flowers; Cut blooms at fullest and hang upside down; Will take 2-4 weeks to dry
- Signet varieties are edible



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