



DIANTHUS AT-A-GLANCE

- Genus of over 300 varieties
- Annual, biennial, and perennial; most grown as perennials
- Also called Pinks & Sweet William
- Grown from transplants or seeds in gardens, raised beds, or containers
- Some offer a unique spicy scent

STATS

- Range in size from 6-24" tall & wide
- Spacing plants 6-12" apart
- Thin, long blue-green foliage
- Bloom colors in solid & variegated reds, pinks, white, and purples

REQUIREMENTS

- Grown in Zones 3-9
- Full-sun location (6+ hours)
- Well-draining soil; neutral to slightly acidic soil pH of 6.0-7.5
- Needs covered if under 40° F

PLANTING SEEDS

- Start seeds indoors 6-8 weeks before last frost
- Fill containers with pre-moistened seed starting soil
- Add seeds & lightly cover with soil



Simple Garden Life

keeping the fun in gardening by keeping it simple!

- Amend outdoor soil with compost
- Plant seeds outside in warmer locations 1/8" deep; Cover with soil and water well
- Will germinate in 8-10 days
- Thin seeds after seedlings have 1-2" true leaves to one plant per container or 6-12" apart outside

PLANTING TRANSPLANTS

- Loosen soil 10-12" deep; add few inches of compost
- Dig hole same size as transplant's root ball
- Add plant, backfill soil & water well

MAINTENANCE

- Give 1" water each week; More for potted plants
- No need to fertilize
- Deadhead spent blooms to encourage a 2nd fall bloom
- Cut back perennials late fall to 2" above soil & add organic mulch

ISSUES

- Aphids, spider mites, rust, powdery mildew, rabbits

MISC

- Make great cuttings and displays
- Can be easily propagated