

Dahlias



Do's

- Grow in a sunny position, south or west facing is perfect
- Cut out the main shoot if they are sending up a strong single stem to encourage side shooting
- Give them a little extra support in positions where they get any wind
- Enrich the soil with organic matter
- Feed with a similar feed to a tomato plant, low nitrogen to reduce long growth and high potash and phosphorus to encourage lots of flowers and roots
- Keep foliage dry when watering

Don'ts

- Let a strong single shoot grow up, trim this out to encourage lots more flowers
- Forget to deadhead them regularly
- Plant them out before the frosts have gone, 1st of June is always a good date
- Give them too little space, they like to side shoot and spread, 45cm is perfect
- Forget to water them, this helps them produce lots of flowers and you can mix in tomato food to make them happier
- Just leave bare soil around the base, a mulch will trap moisture in the ground
- Be scared of cutting stems of flowers as this helps produce more flowers

"Happiness is to hold flowers in both hands"

How To Grow Them



POT&PLANT

Soak tubers for 5 minutes in some water and then pot them up into pots in April and keep frost free, then plant them out in the garden once the frosts have gone, you could also plant tubers directly into the garden then

TIP THEM

Any plants that produce strong single stems need to be nipped out above a few pairs of leaves to help make a bushier side shooting plant which will bear more flowers in the Summer on compact stems

DEADHEAD

Once a flower has finished it will then make a pointed bud which you then trim out down to the base of that shoot, this then helps the plant focus its energy into producing more flowers

LIFT&STORE

When the frosts set in it's time to cut them back, lift them up and shake off the soil and store them in a cool, dry, dark frost free place until April then start it all again! You can then divide the tubers or grow from cuttings

Different Types



SINGLE

The flowers bear a single row of flat or slightly cupped petals, and green or dark purple foliage. Great for attracting Bees, Butterflies and other pollinators



POMPOM&BALL

The former have flowers where the petals curve inwards up to 5cm across and Ball varieties have a slightly flattened top with the petals arranged in a spiral pattern



CACTUS

Fully double blooms, with very narrow petals from the tip to the base, that often curve inwards. They range in size from miniature to giant. Semi-cactus Dahlias have fully double, fluffy-looking flowers



DECORATIVE WATERLILY& ANEMONE

There's a few other types of Dahlias to explore all very unique in their own rights so enjoy discovering them!

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