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FRONT COVER Cosmos bipinnatus, 'Apricotta' 401E Gorgeous Cosmos with burnished apricot and peach petals with raspberry pink centres edged with the same pink. 100cm HHA £2.85

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Helichrysum bracteatum, Salmon Rose	677K
90cm HHA	£1.95
Atriplex hortensis var. rubra	154C
180cm HA/HHA	£2.25
Panicum elegans, 'Sprinkles'	948C
80cm HHA	£2.85

For the beginners out there, we'll keep the glossary short (but helpful). Annual – a plant that completes its life cycle in one year. Typically these are the flowers that will bloom the quickest (and often are the easiest to grow!) Perennial – a plant that keeps on flowering year after year. May take a little longer to flower for the first time from seed (though some will flower in the first year) but will reward you with longevity.

Biennial - a plant that completes its life cycle in 2 years. We only indicate seed counts here if it is 15 or fewer, all seed counts are on our website (or you can call us!)

Abbreviations and symbols used in this catalogue:

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	RHS Award of Garden Merit winner	Sh	Shrub
New	New for 2023	Т	Tender

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Welcome

Welcome to our new Spring Edit for 2023. As usual we feature some of the best things from our range of over 2.500 items.

Our family run business, now in its 48th year, still brings you the very freshest seed of the unusual and not so unusual. We took over the reins from our parents, Douglas and Bridget Bowden, in 2012 and we hope that this edit will bring you a sense of the joy of growing something new from seed.

Do visit our website (www.chilternseeds.co.uk) or give us a call (01491 824675) where you will always find a friendly and knowledgeable real, live person. Happy Gardening!

Heather & Sally Follow us: **J** G @chilternseeds

Scabious-Flowered Mixed

Another really easy one. Not

terribly sophisticated but lots

of fun, so many bright colours,

long lasting - a plentiful and

continuous supply of cheery

cut flowers well into autumn.

75cm HA/HHA

Cobaea scandens.

Mixed

quick to flower and very

Heather's favourites:



Linaria maroccana. 813Z 'Licilia Azure' This is one of my favourites and I can't understand why it's not more popular. It's embarrassingly easy, I just sprinkled seeds in troughs next to the house and in next to no time had clouds of totally charming blue flowers that look wonderfully unkempt and last for ages. 50cm HA £2.25

Sally's favourites:



985N Phlox drummondii arandiflora. 'Crème Brûlée' Perhaps an obvious choice, but still one I grow every year. It is so easy and I love the sumptuous combinations of creamy, peachy-pink colours. A long-lasting cut flower.



1309H Lathyrus odoratus, 'Turquoise Lagoon' My earliest memories of seed sowing are sweet peas. Dad was very much in favour of the make a hole in the ground with your finger, pop in a seed technique. We waited until it was warm outside and in they went. I love £1.95

this variety; such a delicate and unusual colour. 150cm HA(CI)



Easy from seed. I love this Dahlia with its dark foliage and big, bright blooms and I was happy to see it flowering in my garden for a second summer last year.

£2.25

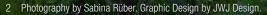
I grew this last year to scramble

love the way the flowers change

up an obelisk in my garden. I

from a greeny-white to purple.

372J



Chiltern Seeds





771P

£2.45



Climbing French Bean, 1817E 'Cobra' We've been growing this brilliant bean for years and it's still my favourite. Plentiful tender and very tasty, never tough, beans that just keep on coming as long as you pick them. Unfazed by all weather extremes and lovely

£3.65

pink flowers too.



Cephalaria gigantea 307J Statuesque garden flower that manages to look robust yet delicate and willowy at the same time. I absolutely love this plant, perfect at the back of the border and really impressive, like a giant scabious.

180cm HP £2.65





Rudbeckia triloba. 1130J 'Prairie Glow' As I started my garden from scratch I grow lots of perennials from seed. This was a hit last year with its masses of small flowers in a range of warm colours.



Cherry Tomato, 'Apero', F1 Hybrid I grew this last year; I gave away a couple of plants but the few we kept produced enough tomatoes to keep my family of four going throughout the summer. 6 seeds.

100cm HF



Cut Flowers by Aesme Studio

Sisters Jess and Alex founded their flower business, Aesme Studio, in 2015. We asked them some questions on their approach to flower growing.

What led you to start working with flowers?

Alex started arranging flowers as a hobby and a calming and creative outlet from her office job. This led down a road of discovery including an internship at a floral design studio in New York, several years of practise and then establishing Aesme Studio together in London in 2015. We create arrangements for events as well as running seasonal flower school workshops and an online learning platform dedicated to naturalistic floral design. We started growing our own flowers around six years ago by creating a cutting garden on a small plot of land in Hampshire.

How do you decide what to grow?

Every year we come more efficient at planning and learning what thrives and fails in the soil. We have different sections including vegetables









herbs, shrubs, roses and perennials. With the perennials it was mostly a question of what requires minimal maintenance – these plants need to be both drought-tolerant and hardy enough to cope with wet and windy winters. When it comes to deciding what to grow from seed there are two things I mainly keep in mind. Firstly, anything that needs too much fussing over is likely not to survive! Secondly, from experience I know instinctively whether we will end up using something a lot in our designs - we love to use light, delicate stems in interesting colours. From experimenting, I now have a reliable 'go to' list that I feel confident growing every year and then a handful of new packets to experiment with - the guest for interesting, beautiful materials never ends!





What are your favourite flower colours?

Flower and foliage colours are endlessly fascinating – we've dedicated a whole online class to Colour as we feel it's such a creative element of floral design to learn about! We often gravitate to using a base of tertiary colours - what we call the 'in-between' colours, which are more subdued and nuanced, with a pop of something eye-catching like a strong red or blue. One of the greatest pleasures of designing with flowers is trying something new and unexpectedly stumbling upon a combination that changes an entrenched opinion of a colour, opening the door to a whole new set of options.

What flowers do you find have the best vase life?

Spires or multi-headed flowers that can gradually open (and drop their faded petals) - like Delphinium, Foxgloves and Nicotiana. It's good to have arrangements that you can tweak throughout the week - say if some flowers go over faster than others you just remove these and rejig or include grasses and other textural elements that are likely to last a bit longer.





How do you encourage pollinators into your garden?

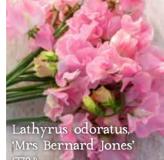
There are always masses of flowers because we don't cut very intensively and are bad at dead-heading – we also like to leave lots of the flower heads to go to seed as we love the shapes later in the season. We have lots of weeds and wildflowers throughout the garden and on the fringes. We try to leave areas of leaves and natural mulch around for egg laying and hibernating. It goes without saying we only use organic methods; we've never used any chemicals in the soil or on the plants.

What was the best advice you received when you started growing?

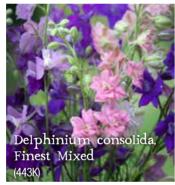
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"Grow what you love" (from Georgie Newbery of Common Farm Flowers when I attended one of her workshops).











If you had to recommend five cut flowers to grow for a beginner what would they be?

Sweet Peas, Cosmos, Californian Poppies (Eschscholzia californica), Nigella and Larkspur (Delphinium consolida) - see above.

We started with these in the very first little beds in the garden (ordered from Chiltern Seeds!). We hadn't sown a seed in our lives. We diligently prepared the beds, put down some drip irrigation, drilled thin little lines in the late spring and prayed. By summertime the plants were flowering prolifically and they didn't stop for months. We thought it was absolute magic and haven't looked back since!

What do you sow and grow every year?

We grow small amounts of lots of different varieties - too many to mention! Opposite are some of our absolute favourites to grow every year.

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Aesme Favourites



Lathyrus odoratus, 'Juliet' With a heady citrus scent in a class of its own, these flowers are cream with a pinky-apricot blush. 180cm HA(CI)

'Pink Perfection'

arower

120cm HA

Perfect pale pink. Robust yet

romantic spires. Very vigorous



Nigella sativa 903E This is a delightful annual with pretty whitish or bluish flowers with reflexed petals. It has long been cultivated for its edible seeds. 45cm HA £2.25



Nicotiana mutabilis On very branching stems, this bears all summer, a mass of flowers, from white to pale pink to magenta.

£2.25

120cm HHA

Cosmos bipinnatus. 398J 'Antiquity' Rich burgundy flowers change to antique bronze-salmon as they age.

45cm HHA

£2.95



Clarkia amoena. 6430 'Memoria' These white floaty flowers have very subtle blush pink centres borne on erect stems making alorious cut flowers. 50cm HA





Daucus carota Parent of the humble carrot dense umbels of white flowers loved by butterflies and bees.

90cm HB

£1.95



768X

£2.95

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Callistephus chinensis, 243G 'Matsumoto Apricot' Long, strong stems and peachypink flowers with tightly packed petals surrounding a distinct vellow centre. 75cm HA/HHA £2.25

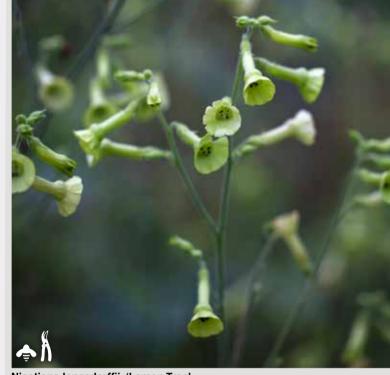


Rudbeckia hirta, 1130H 'Sahara' One of our favourites; semidouble and double velvety blooms in subtle shades of caramel, copper and warm pink. 60cm HA/HHP £2.95



Agrostemma githago, 64T 'Bianca' Abundant, large, pure white flowers with silky satin petals with delicate dark speckling in the throat 90cm HA £2.35

More Flowers for Cutting

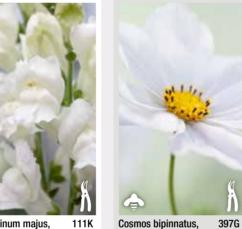


Nicotiana langsdorffii, 'Lemon Tree' Lovely variety with lemony-green coloured blossoms to ornament your border. 150cm HHA



latifolium A wonderfully versatile ornamental grass with upright stems of dangling spikelets. A fabulous cut flower, fresh or dried. 120cm HP £2.10 Panicum elegans. 9480 'Sprinkles' Ethereal, light and airy grass with the appearance of a bonfire night sparkler.

80cm HHA £2.85



£3.99

Antirrhinum majus, 111K 'Admiral White', F1 Hybrid Stunning and stately snapdragon with pure white flowers on strong stems.

120cm HHA

Beautiful, very popular variety with large, single, snow-white flowers with a gold centre. 90cm HHA £1.95

'Purity'



rotundifolium. 'Griffithii' Bright green umbels of true flowers surrounded by petal-like bracts, this attractive flower is splendid for cutting. £1.95 60cm HA



laevis

Excellent cut flower with tall spikes of enormous bright green. bell-like calyces surrounding the flowers proper. 80cm HHA

Calendula officinalis, 233Z 'Touch Of Red Buff' Interesting contemporary beigepink with darker brown petal tips gives a beautiful vintage effect.

60cm HA £2.65





Eucalyptus cinerea, 535L 'Silver Dollar' Striking silver-grey foliage. With a compact habit it is perfect for containers and good for cutting. 15 seeds. 125cm HSh/HTr £3.45



grandiflora Attractive ferny foliage and lovely, lace-like, pure white umbels with distinctive long outer petals. 60cm HA



£2.45



899J

£2.25

var. alba Much sought-after rare whiteflowered form of the beautiful true wild Foxglove 150cm HP/HB £2.25



Traditional cottage garden plant with beautifully perfumed white flowers which will scent an entire room. 90cm HP/HB £2.25



88J Ammi visnaga, 'Green Mist' Feathery foliage and extravagant domed umbels of greenish-white flowers, soft yet robust and architectural 120cm HA £1.95





Helianthus annuus, 674X 'Pro Cut Plum' F1 Gorgeous understated antiquey tones of a dusky plum and buff. Tall, strong, single-stemmed plants. 15 seeds. 150cm HA £3.25



caudatus

and drying.

105cm HA/HHA

Lovely, long, drooping red

tassels; excellent for cutting

Rudbeckia hirta. 1130K 'Cherokee Sunset' One of the tallest varieties. making it particularly perfect for cutting.

75cm HA/HHP £2.65

Briza maxima drying. £1.95 45cm HA



'Fata Morgana' Fine variety with delicious, creamy apricot-yellow flowers a most remarkable and attractive colour



Cosmos bipinnatus. 399Q 'Rubenza' Exceptionally coloured, early flowering blooms of dark, rich ruby red, fading to antiquey-rose as they age. 80cm HHA

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£1.95

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An ornamental grass with pretty, nodding heads of oval-shaped. pearly-white spikelets. Great for

£2.55



Scabiosa atropurpurea, 1148D

£2.85



£2.25



Anethum graveolens, 102Q 'Mariska' Beautifully fragrant and particularly good for cutting.

60cm HHA/HHP £1.95



Cosmos bipinnatus, 401E 'Apricotta' Gorgeous new Cosmos with burnished apricot and peach petals with raspberry pink centres, edged with the same pink. 100cm HHA £2.85



Matthiola incana. 849Z 'Vintage Brown' The colour of this unusual Stock variety might be more favourably described as a deep and dusky

antique rose. 50cm HA/HHA £2.85

Papaver nudicaule. 'Wind Song' Superb poppy variety with extra-large flowers in shades of orange, cream, yellow and white.

45cm HA/HP £2.75



Zinnia elegans, 1311Y 'Super Yoga Salmon Rose' Peachy-apricot blooms.

90cm HA/HHA

£2.25



Zinnia elegans, 1311P 'Queen Lime Mixed' A mix of some of our favourite. unusual hues that look magnificent growing together.

75cm HA/HHA

£3.25

More Flowers for Cutting





674A Helianthus annuus, 'Ms Mars' Shorter variety so a more manageable size for the average garden and perfect for popping in a vase. 12 seeds. 100cm HA £2.95



'Dara' Dark flowered wild carrot with Slender green trumpets open out to reveal maroon faces with flowers in an attractive mix from white and pink to dark purple. bright blue stamens. 120cm HB 90cm HHA £2.95



813L Linaria purpurea, 'Canon Went' A first class garden plant with spikes of lovely pink flowers in summer. £2.25 90cm HP £2.85



grandiflora, 'Crème Brûlée' We love the unusual colour combinations including duskypinks and peachy-creams.

45cm HA/HHA £2.25



'Light Rose' Pretty, blush pink variety of this lovely wild flower. Easy to grow, good for cutting, flowering freely all summer long. 90cm HA £2.25



Antirrhinum maius. 107R 'Appleblossom' Beautiful spikes of lovely, delicate peachy-rose blossoms.

90cm HHA £1.95



'Heirloom Mixed' Our exclusive mix. We have chosen the best scented varieties for a full array of glorious colours. 250cm HA(CI) £2.75

summer feeling! 90cm HA/HHA

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'Summer Fruits'



Antirrhinum majus, 103E 'Costa Apricot', F1 Hybrid A particularly desirable colour in the popular 'Costa' series.

£2.95

90cm HHA



Calamagrostis brachytricha A highly ornamental grass bearing in late summer long and graceful, feathery flower panicles. 120cm HP



Wonderful vigorous variety with large, fully double blooms in a range of lovely bright colours £2.85 75cm HHA



Digitalis purpurea 464M annua, 'Sutton's Apricot' Beautiful award-winning variety with a lovely soft pink-apricot colour. £2.35 £3.75 150cm HP/HB





of red and pink shades".

£3.25

60cm HP

Cobaea

scandens

A beautiful and vigorous climber

from Mexico with large flowers.

600cm HHA/HHP(CI) £2.75



Callistephus chinensis, 243Q Tasteful pale peachy apricot with a definite leaning towards vintage.

70cm HA/HHA £2.95



Limonium sinuatum, 812Q 'QIS Soft Pastel Mix' Excellent uniform series for cutting. This pastel mix includes shades of rose, white, lavender and pale blue. 90cm HHA £2.25



Dahlia merckii 434G This rarely seen Dahlia bears all summer long until frost beautiful, saucer-shaped, purple- or yelloweyed, lavender-pink flowers. 15 seeds. 90cm HHA/HHP £2.95



Didiscus caeruleus, 'Lace Mixture' Beautiful mixture of Lace Flowers with umbels in blues, pinks and white. 60cm HHA £2.25



A very different Larkspur a most attractive bushy plant bearing masses of violet-blue flowers. 75cm HA £2.25



Scabiosa caucasica, 1149F 'Perfection Blue' Beautiful, large, deep blue flowers on strong stems perfect for cutting, lasting well in water.

60cm HP £2.25



903X 'African Bride' Large blooms of pure white petals with contrasting rich purple-black stamens, followed by decorative seed pods. £2.25 90cm HA







Scabiosa atropurpurea, 1148L

A bright and cheerful mixture in warm, fruity shades to give that



Helichrysum 677M bracteatum, Silvery Rose Shimmering, silvery-pink, daisylike papery flowers, ideal for cutting and drying.



90cm HHA

£2.25



Achillea millefolium, 'Colorado' A diverse range of colours including red to pink to apricot, yellows, beige and bronze tones and occasional whites. 60cm HP £2.85



Delphinium consolida, 'Fancy Belladonna' 443T Beautiful Larkspur that we have enjoyed trialling for the past two years with pretty, pale, purply-pink flowers. £2.25



Echinacea purpurea A splendid plant with large, reddish-purple flowers, excellent for cutting and lasting well in water. 120cm HP

612H

Gaura lindheimeri, 'Summer Breeze' 14 seeds 90cm HP Stipa tenuissima, 'Pony Tails' 60cm HP

Drought Tolerant

Try some of these to withstand hot, dry summers

£2.45

1250

£2.25



Tithonia rotundifolia, 'Torch' A cultivated form of the Mexican Sunflower, producing single, Dahlia-like, orange-scarlet flowers freely all summer. 120cm HHA



Perovskia atriplicifolia, 'Blue Steel' 974M Long spikes of countless, small, tubular, deep sky-blue flowers. A splendid border plant that bees will not be able to resist. 10 seeds. 60cm HP £3.35



1310D Zinnia elegans, 'Benary's Giant White' Large, bright and eye-catching flowers.

90cm HA/HHA

£2.95

1202E

£2.25



dark maroon central cone.

120cm HP

Knautia macedonica 1146Q One of the longest flowering

A fine perennial from the USA, handsome and spidery pink flowers fading with age, with a

£2.75

£2.95

succession of lovely, dark crimson pin cushions. 60cm HP



Verbascum 1273H chaixii var. album A fine border plant with whitewoolly leaves and long, loose panicles of white flowers.

150cm HP £2.25

appreciated by butterflies and bees. 90cm HP

Agastache cana,

'Heather Queen'

Easily grown plant bearing

over a long period masses of

large, violet-pink flowers. Much



61J rose, purple and grey. £2.75 60cm HP



Eryngium giganteum, 526X 'Miss Willmott's Ghost' Seen at dusk, these silvery-white blooms give this variety a ghostly luminosity.

£2.45

120cm HP



minty flavour.

60cm HP

Verbena bonariensis 1275B

Attractive plant with blue flowers. The young leaves have a tangy, flowers all summer.

£1.95

180cm HP



of perennials producing a £3.35



Catananche 285B caerulea var. alba Easy to grow, attractive, long flowering white blooms surrounded by papery, silver-coloured bracts. 90cm HP £2.65



Cosmos bipinnatus, 3991 'Fizzv Rose Picotee' Semi-double, rosy-white flowers with an eye-catching ruby edging.

90cm HHA

£2.75



36H £3.75



var. turkestanica A very fine variety with pinkishwhite flowers and bracts over an extended period in summer.

90cm HP/HB

£1.95



Familiar heads of blue-lavender

£2.25



Calamintha nepeta, 233K 'Blue Cloud' Heavily scented perennial which bears numerous whorled spikes of tiny blue flowers with long purple bracts. 45cm HP

£2.85



Dianthus 4517 carthusianorum Dense clusters of lovely upward facing, cherry-red or deep pink flowers.

30cm HP

£2.25

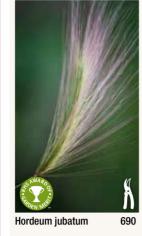


Lavandula multifida 769F Delicately aromatic plant with attractive silvery leaves and spikes of violet-blue flowers. An unusual Lavender that can be treated as an annual. 90cm HP/HHSh £2.95

Flowers for Drying



Helichrysum bracteatum monstrosum, Mixed 676 A super mixture in a wide range of brilliant colours, including fiery red, rose and coppery yellow. 75cm HHA £1.95



A most attractive annual grass with long, creamy-coloured. feathery flower spikes, lovely for cuttina. 60cm HA £2.65



Alchemilla mollis

An attractive plant with appealing, softly hairy, rounded, wavy-edged leaves, and large sprays of greenish-yellow flowers. 45cm HP £2.25



Double Giant Flowered Mixed Long-stemmed, everlasting large flowers. Splendid for cutting to cheer up dull days.

45cm HA/HHA £2.25



Scabiosa stellata, 1147D 'Sternkugel' Pale blue flowers followed by very special seed heads - creamy-white posies of translucent parchment. 70cm HA/HHA £1.95



Gomphrena globosa, 646Q 'Rose Unusual spherical heads of flowers with perfect papery pink petals.

£1.95

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60cm HHA

Limonium suworowii

flowers.

Different and striking with its

dense, vertical spikes of pink



Everlasting flower with silvery foliage and white, pink or violet flowers borne freely all summer. Thrives on poor soils. 50cm HA £1.95

Celosia argentea var. 300T

Plumes of ivory-white flowers with

beautifully and delicately shaded

rose-pink tips.

100cm HA

spicata, 'Flamingo Feathers'

'The Pearl' This is a very popular cultivated variety with large sprays of pure white, double or semi-double flowers. 75cm HP



A perennial for the herbaceous border, with immense masses of elegant panicles of dainty, lavender-blue flowers in midsummer. 60cm HP £2.95



Helipterum roseum, 677X 'Pierrot' Large, papery everlasting flowers; excellent for cutting, fresh or dried, lasting for ages in a vase. 50cm HA £2.25

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Delightful and quirky plant with easily arrangeable, globular drumsticks of bright yellow flowers. 90cm HHA/HHP £2.45



A charming annual plant bearing all summer "everlasting" silvery-white flowers with yellow centres. 60cm HA/HHA



86 Achillea filipendula, 'Parker's Variety' A fine plant with grey-green foliage and bearing most of the summer bright yellow saucerlike flowers. £2.25 120cm HP



Phalaris canariensis 979

36F

£2.25

Most attractive ornamental grass with oval flower-heads, white with green veins, often tinged bright violet. £2.25 100cm HA



Echinops ritro

arrangements. 90cm HP £2.25



£2.25

Ageratum houstonianum, 'Timeless' Mixture Beautiful mix of large, eyecatching flowers in a cloud of pink, blue, purple and white. £1.95

Attractive, violet-blue flowers surrounded by papery, silvercoloured bracts all summer.



493 Splendid, steel-blue, globular flower heads with a metallic lustre, excellent for flower

70cm HHA



£2.25



809



Honesty, well known for the silvery, moon-like remains of the seed cases. Attractive bright purple flowers. 75cm HA/HB £2.45



Lagurus ovatus, 757B 'Bunny Tails' Absolutely delightful, awardwinning, dwarf variety.

20cm HA

£2.55



Amaranthus cruentus, 85R 'Oeschberg' Showy blood-red spikes of flowers and dark purplish foliage. Decorate the border but, fresh or dry, exciting vase material. 90cm HA £2.25



Plentiful globe-shaped grey-blue flower heads.

120cm HP

£1.95



Catananche caerulea 285A

£2.65



Tall spires of unusual salmony pink, papery flowers.

120cm HA

£2.25



Centaurea cyanus, 304A True Wild Form Well known wild flower with cottony foliage and beautiful blue flowers, beloved by bees and butterflies. 90cm HA £1.95

All Things White & Wonderful

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Cosmos bipinnatus. 'Double Dutch White' The frothiest Cosmos flowers we've seen yet; semi-double and double - multi-layered netals. 120cm HHA £3.65



70cm HA

401G

£2.25

Gaura lindheimeri.

612C Lunaria annua var. alba The first pure white Gaura from seed. Simply white flowers well known for its silvery, floating airily amongst the moon-like seed cases.

£2.85

75cm HA/HB



'Bridal Silk' This elegant variety bears in summer, silken flowers of pure,

60cm HA

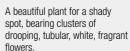
sparkling white.



'Cool Breeze'

areen stems. 100cm HP

Nicotiana sylvestris



150cm HHA £2.35



90cm HA/HHA

Beautiful, pure white, double

Scabiosa atropurpurea, 1148F

'Snowmaiden'

pincushion flowers.

£2.65



120cm HP

Centaurea americana, 302B 'Aloha Blanca' Robust and tall, this unusual variety bears superb, large fluffy, white flowers with lots of lovely whiskery petals. 150cm HA £2.45



Cosmos bipinnatus, 397F

'Sonata White' Free-flowering, very desireable, dwarf variety with lovely whiter than white, golden centred blooms. 50cm HHA £2.95 900



favourite and great for cutting. £2.25



White Borage

Rarely seen is this lovely variety with sprays of delightful white flowers.

90cm HA £3.15



Scabiosa stellata. 1147D 'Sternkuael' Pale blue flowers followed by very special seed heads - creamy-white posies of translucent parchment. 70cm HA/HHA £1.95



827G

White-flowered form of Honesty

£2.45



Nigella damascena,

Beautiful pure white flowers with

contrasting bright green stamens

which develop into green pods.

'Albion Green Pod'

£2.25

902E







Ammi majus

Easily grown, sophisticated Cow Parsley with large flat heads of lacy white flowers, ideal for cutting. 90cm HA

£1.95



Gypsophila elegans, 654 'Covent Garden' A highly selected large-flowered strain, pure white.

60cm HA

£1.95



'Mont Blanc' Superb variety of the old cottage garden favourite. Sturdy plants smothered by large, trumpetshaped, pure-white flowers. 60cm HA £1.95



Cleome hassleriana, 'Pink Queen' Beautiful rose-pink, spider-like flowers with prominent stamens. 100cm HHA

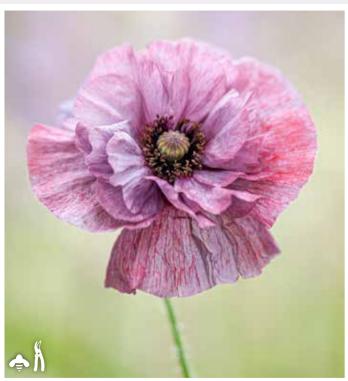


399P Cosmos bipinnatus, 'Rosetta' Romantic cosmos with subtly striped blooms in shades of blush pink and rose with an inner ring of smaller fluffy petals. 90cm HHA £2.45

Rose Tinted

366H

£2.15



951K Papaver rhoeas, 'Pandora' Unique and impressive poppy with unusual double blooms in shades from deepest vintage burgundy to pale pinky-reds. 60cm HA £2.45

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Erigeron karvinskianus Daisy-like flowers in profusion only 3 months from sowing, open white but change to deep pink. 30cm HA/HHP



camtschatica, 'Love Parade' Clusters of numerous large and lovely soft pink flowers with pale yellow stamens.

60cm HP

£2.95





Lychnis flos-cuculi

Native wild flower, a most of charming, rose-red flowers with unusual raggedy petals. 75cm HP





Gaura lindheimeri, 612B

'Emmeline Pink Bouquet'

A compact Gaura, particularly

good for pots and the front of the

border with sparkling, unusually

brightly coloured, pink flowers.

15 seeds. 55cm HP £3.95

Antirrhinum majus, 103F 'Costa Light Rose', F1 Hybrid Pretty, pale pink flowers on sturdy stems.

£2.95

90cm HHA

£2.75



flowers get darker with heat and are borne on sturdy stems.

£2.95



graceful plant with open sprays £2.25



'Rose Queen' Long, generous spikes of rich pink flowers.

75cm HA/HHA £2.25

pale-pink blooms.

60cm HP

240cm HA(CI)





New

'Avalune Pink'

50cm HA

Lupinus hartwegii, 827B

Compact lupins in a lovely shade of dusky pink. Perfect for providing evening perfume on your patio. Quick to bloom. £2.45



1174E Silene pendula, 'Sibella Pink' Very appealing plants smothered in the prettiest flowers creating a carpet of colour. Try in the front of the border or in containers. 40cm HA £2.95



Digitalis purpurea var. 463 aloxinioides. 'The Shirley', Mixed Shades of salmon, pink, cream and plum, richly spotted and blotched. 150cm HP/HB £2.25



£2.45



Cardamine pratensis 272F

Charming native wild flower, found in damp meadows and by streams. Its appearance hails the arrival of spring. £1.95 40cm HP



1138L



Dianthus barbatus. 454A 'Summertime Salmon Eye' Pretty coral-pink Sweet Williams with white centres and edging.

Zinnia elegans, 1310T 'Zinderella' Lilac Quirky looking flowers with fluffy domes topping attractive lilac-pink blooms.

60cm HA/HHA

£2.95



Cvnoglossum amabile 'Mystic Pink' These plants bear long spikes of delicate flowers in a comforting soft mysterious shade of pink.

90cm HA

£2.95

70cm HHA/HHP

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£2.25
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Calendula officinalis. 'Sherbet Fizz' A favourite colour for us, rich apricot-buff with darker mahogany centres and undersides. 45cm HA



Verbascum hybridum, 'Southern Charm' 1271R Beautiful and unusual long flowering spikes in subtle yet eye-catching shades of peach, pink, lilac and apricot. 10 seeds. 90cm HP £2.75

Peach Perfect

235W

£2.65



Nicotiana langsdorfii, 'Bronze Queen' 899A Unusual, bronze-brown blooms adorn this interesting variety, perfect for cutting. 120cm HHA £2.45



Nicotiana glutinosa 899Q Hard to find, showy species with open bell-shaped, glossy rose-pink flowers. 75cm HHA £2.25



Antirrhinum maius. 111A 'Madame Butterfly Bronze', F1 Hvbrid Much coveted shade of vintage and rich apricot.

75cm HHA

Papery yet shiny, 'everlasting' daisy-like flowers in an unusual

£3.75

shade of orangey-pink. 90cm HHA

bracteatum. Salmon Rose

Helichrysum



677K



849P Popular cottage garden flowers in peachy apricot with that wonderful distinctive scent.

75cm HA/HHA

Possibly the fastest Digitalis on the market, this is our favourite colour - peachy-apricot. 15 seeds. 50cm HP/HB £3.45

464Q

Digitalis purpurea,

'Dalmatian Peach'



Phlox drummondii. 985M 'Phlox of Sheep' This is a very attractive mixture of soft pastel blooms - cream, orange, yellow, pink and white shades and bicolors. 35cm HA/HHA £1.95 50cm HA



Clarkia elegans, 353M 'Salmon Rose' Abundant corally-pink blooms on tall spires provide colour all summer until the first frosts. Very easy, never failing to please. £2.25

apricot colour.



Zinnia elegans,

'Lilliput Salmon'

60cm HA/HHA



£2.25



Callistephus chinensis. 243E 'King Size Apricot' Huge, flamboyant blooms in a sumptuous creamy,

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£2.25



Beautiful bicolor blooms in shades of dusky pink and creamy caramel. Flowers in only 9 weeks from sowing. 15 seeds. 180cm HHA £2.95



Tropaeolum minus, 1259M 'Ladvbird Rose' Beautifully coloured blooms; dusky-pinky-apricot with dark ladybird spots at the base of each petal. 30cm HA £2.45



1311C

Abundant, small and perfectly formed, pompom blooms in a delightful shade of salmon-pink.

£1.95



Penstemon barbatus, 967M 'Twizzle Coral' A vigorous first year flowering perennial. Strong stems with long spikes of coral-pink blooms. 15 seeds. 80cm HP £2.85





Alcea rosea. 72G 'Halo Apricot' Stunning dark-centred, large single blooms of pinky, corally-apricot.

1310W Zinnia elegans, 'Zinderella Peach' Quirky looking flowers with fluffy domes topping attractive peachy blooms.

60cm HA/HHA

£2.95



Bupleurum longifolium, 226A 'Bronze Beauty' Very beautiful, long-stalked heads of tiny yellow, true flowers surrounded by unusual copperycoloured bracts. 50cm HP £3.75

£2.25

200cm HB/HP



Papaver somniferum, 'Lauren's Grape' Crisp, velvety, deep plum-purple petals and attractive grey-blue-green foliage. 90cm HA



A native of Japan, this is a hardy, vigourous climber with fragrant, chocolate-purple flowers. 12 seeds. 1200cm HP(CI) £3.95 Exotic, large, dark crimsonpurple spherical florets borne in distinctive heads. Splendid and unusual cut flowers. 10 seeds. 180cm HP/HB £3.25

102E

Angelica gigas



Cosmos 399N atrosanguineus, 'Black Magic' The prized chocolate Cosmos. Darkly decadent flowers of velvety burgundy to almost black. 4 seeds 60cm HHP £7.50



'Black Knight' Stunning, fragranced sweet pea of a striking, deep maroon colour. £2.45

250cm HA(CI)



Cerinthe major var. 316K purpurascens Distinctive and unusual dark purple-blue flowers, quite different from anything else in your garden. 60cm HA/HHA £2.25



Angelica sylvestris, 108B 'Ebony' A dramatic plant with intense dark purple foliage and beautiful dusky pink umbels. 80cm HB £3.95



954F

£2.25

Lysimachia atropurpurea, 832P 'Beaujolais' Fascinating long spikes of small wine-red flowers all summer.

75cm HP

foliage and large fragrant flowers of the deepest maroon-black. £2.45 40cm HHA/HHP

'Sooty'

Dianthus barbatus,

Veritable eye-catcher with dark

£2.25



Centaurea cyanus, 304H 'Black Ball' Very fine, old, tall variety double flowers of rich deep maroon.

120cm HA £1.95



'Raven's Wing' Elegant cow parsley with leaves which emerge green but turn a sombre purple-black.

90cm HP



1130G Rudbeckia hirta, 'Cherry Brandy' With flowers of the deepest crimson, this lovely variety is very easy and a wonderful, long lasting cut flower. 60cm HA/HHP £3.45



'Midnight Candy' Charming purple buds in the day open in the evening to reveal white, outstandingly fragranced blooms. 45cm HA/HHA £2.75

'Pam's Choice' Handsome foxglove with spikes of large, creamy flowers, extravagantly splotched in burgundy. 120cm HP/HB







Alcea rosea var. nigra 83S

shade of maroon.

Not quite black, these unusual

Atriplex hortensis var. rubra 154C £2.25

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hollyhocks are a very, very dark

£2.45

90cm HHA

dark carmine-red.

Cosmos bipinnatus.

'Double Click Cranberries'

Exuberant frothy double flowers

in a lovely shade of glamorous

399C

£2.75



Digitalis purpurea, 464G

£2.25



Verbena officinalis 1274D var. grandiflora. 'Bampton' Clouds of little purple-pink flowers on wiry, dark, purple-green branching stems and deliciously dark foliage over a long season. 100cm HP £2.75



Zinnia elegans, 1310E 'Queen Red Lime' Exceptional and unique colouring; pale red fades to lime green with a deep maroon centre. 75cm HA/HHA

£3.25



Daucus carota 'Dara' 437Y £2.25



Scabiosa atropurpurea 'Black Knight' 1148Y £2.25



Attractive native wild flower with clusters of fragrant, pale

pink flowers. 150cm HP £2.45



A beautiful ornamental grass for the flower arranger with large, delicate heads of tiny spikelets.

45cm HA



flat heads of white (or pinky) flowers over a long period. Perfect natural-looking blooms £2.25 for cutting. 60cm HP £1.95

36G Briza media Most attractive, native, ornamental perennial grass with delicate panicles of small, heart-shaped flowers. 60cm HP



Tiny flowers are crowded together in a pin cushion head in a beautiful mix of pink, green and white.

£2.95

60cm HP

£2.55



'Snowcloud' Long-lived perennial with clusters of pure white, fragrant flowers with bluey-green foliage. Excellent for cutting. 120cm HP £1.95



Delphinium hybrida, 'Galahad' 441D Magnificent and noble plant for the back of the border. A favourite variety with pure white blooms, 180cm HP £2.75



A beautiful and unusually coloured, much sought-after Cosmos; yellow-apricot with a pinky centre. 70cm HHA £2.95



Attractive wild flower with delicate white or pink-tinged flowers.

£2.25

20cm HP



Cobaea scandens 372A var. alba Much sought after climber white flowers with a beautiful hint of greenish-white.

Salvia viridis, 'White Swan' Particularly attractive white variety which will stand out beautifully in any border.

45cm HA

600cm HHA/HHP(CI) £2.95



1138E Aloe polyphylla 80R Fascinating, rare and beautiful Aloe from the mountains of Lesotho. Leaves start to spiral when the plant is around 40cm. Surprisingly hardy. 7 seeds. £1.95 30cm HP £4.95





Agastache rugosa, 60L 'Liquorice White' Aromatic perennial with dense spikes of pure white flowers. Great for cutting and flowers in as little as 10 weeks from seed. 90cm HP £2.65



Angelica 1373 archangelica With heavenly associations, the leaves are used for flavouring stewed fruits and in herbal teas. Beautiful flowers. 180cm HP £1.95



£2.45

Bupleurum rotundifolium, 226X 'Garibaldi' Eye-catching bright green

flowers and foliage, this variety has extra-long stems, making it even better for flower arranging. 120cm HA



Nicotiana alata, 897C 'Lime Green' Tube-shaped, sweet-scented lime-green flowers are produced profusely all summer. 75cm HHA £1.95



Amaranthus 84D hypochondriacus, 'Green Thumb' Quirky variety with distinctive, perky spikes of unusual and vibrant bright green flowers. 40cm HA/HHA £1.95



Cephalaria gigantea

Superb at the back of the border, with large, scabious-like, pale creamy-yellow flowers. 180cm HP £2.65



Very distinctive colouring with bright lemon-green petals with centres blushed with pinky-purple. 12 seeds. **100cm HP**

£3.50

307J

Ray of Sunshine



'Madame Butterfly Ivory',

Classic creamy frilled blooms.

F1 Hybrid

75cm HHA

Digitalis ambigua

insides.

90cm HP/HB

Uncommon plant with long,

loose spikes of pale vellow

flowers with mottled maroon

Pretty native plant with aromatic

£1.95

leaves and heads of very

flowers.

90cm HP

attractive, yellow, button-like



'Snow Princess'

Marigold.

60cm HA

£3.75

462E

£1.95

The closest you'll get to a white

£2.65



Echinacea purpurea, 490Q 'White Swan' Abundant large, pure white flowers with downswept white petals surrounding a central cone. 75cm HP



Zinnia elegans, 1311L 'Queen Lemon Peach' 'Valentine' A new addition to this popular range of Zinnias. Beautiful blooms with changing shades of peachy yellow.

£3.25

150cm HA

New



75cm HA/HHA

Rudbeckia fulgida, 1128C 'Goldsturm'

A fine plant for the border, producing a profusion of goldenyellow flowers with a contrasting, black, central cone. 60cm HP £2.55

Limonium bonduelii 812P Particularly good for cutting and drying is this Limonium with

delicate pale yellow flowers atop thin, strong stems. 65cm HA



Cosmos bipinnatus, 401H

'Kiiro' Beautiful soft yellow blooms with the occasional hint of peach and pink on tall, cuttable stems.

120cm HHA £2.25

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£2.95



Primula vulgaris, 1046B True Wild Form No garden should be without a few of these lovely flowers tucked in a corner to serve as a harbinger of spring. 15cm HP £2.65



Phlox drummondii 9857 grandiflora, 'Isabellina' Super and very popular phlox with creamy yellow, buttery flowers.

60cm HA/HHA

£2.25



Helianthus annuus, 672B

Best-selling, beautiful, branching sunflower.

£2.65



Viola cornuta, 'Tiger Eye Yellow', F1 Hybrid Rich yellow flowers with dark, dark brown stripes radiating from the centre of the flower in a most tiger-like fashion. 15cm HA/HB £3.25



£2.25



Helichrysum 677Q bracteatum, 'Golden Yellow' Papery, shiny flowers in rich sunshiny dark golden yellow. Perfect for cutting and drying, they last almost forever. 90cm HHA £1.95



Rudbeckia hirta, 1129T 'Goldilocks' Beautiful variety with an abundance of lovely, longlasting, double, orange blooms with chocolate-brown centres. 70cm HA/HHP £2.25



Helianthus annuus. 674W 'Gummy Bear' Very double, fluffy pale lemonyellow flowers on branching stems. Shorter variety perfect for both beds and cutting. 120cm HHA £2.65



Tagetes patula, 'Burning Embers' Single blooms of deep orange with each petal delicately outlined in a paler orange. 45cm HHA



Emilia javanica, 503D 'Irish Poet' Beautiful variety with clusters of deep orange tassle-like flowers on long stems.

£2.25



Tithonia rotundifolia, 1250Q 'Fiesta del Sol' Abundant intense, bright orange flowers. Enjoy blooms and butterflies all summer long!

75cm HHA £2.45



1222K

£2.50

Rudbeckia triloba, 1130J 'Prairie Glow' Branched plant covered with masses of rusty-red, goldentipped flowers in late summer.

£2.95





Splendid and vigorous climber producing a profusion of long, slender spikes of unusual crimson and vellow flowers 360cm HHA/HHP(CI) £2.25



329X Erysimum cheiri, 'Scarlet Bedder' Old variety with nice bushy plants covered with deep and bright, rich scarlet flowers. Very easy. 45cm HP/HB £1.95

Agastache aurantiaca, 62G

period from early summer to late

autumn. Very attractive to bees

and florists. 45cm HP £2.45

Fragrant foliage with apricot-

orange flowers over a long

'Apricot Sprite'

New



Helianthus annuus.

Lovely, large bicolored blooms

on branching stems. Dark red

petals surrounded by golden-

'Ring of Fire'

vellow flames.

120cm HA

672H

£2.85

106L

150cm HHA £3.75



Coreopsis tinctoria, 386K 'Roulette' Delicate yet bold flowers of the darkest red, with a second inner row of golden feathery petals.

80cm HA £1.95



'Indian Prince' Best-selling variety with eve-catching deep orange flowers.

45cm HA £1.95

New



bracteatum, Copper Red Lustrous bright coppery orangered papery, shiny flowers. Perfect for cutting and drying, they last almost forever. 90cm HHA £1.95



Phlox drummondii 986P grandiflora 'Coccinea' Fiery-red long flowering blooms.

45cm HA/HHA

'Black Velvet'

black flowers.

30cm HA

Remarkable, compact variety

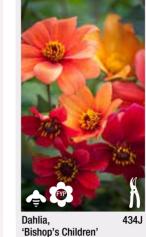


£2.25

Papaver rhoeas, 951A True Wild Form Brilliant scarlet flowers. a native wild flower needing no introduction.



Zinnia elegans, 1310X 'Super Yoga Scarlet' One of our favourite series, these are excellent cut flowers; large, bold scarlet flowers on tall, minimally branched stems. 90cm HA/HHA £2.25



colours.

90cm HHA/HHP

60cm HHA

Impressive dark bronze foliage with large, spectacular single flowers in a delightful mix of rich

£2.25



533J californica, 'Apricot Chiffon' Award-winning variety with luxurious, single and double, peachy apricot flowers with a shimmer of coral-pink. 25cm HA £2.45



Adonis aestivalis

This annual species, with feathery foliage and brilliant blood-red, poppy-like flowers, makes a delightful plant for the border. 45cm HA £1.95



677T

£1.95

covered with unique velvety-£2.25

True Blue



Scabiosa atropurpurea, 'Blue Cockade' Superb variety with very large, brilliant blue flowers on long strong stems. 120cm HA/HHA



'Blue Horizon', F1 Hybrid Vigorous hybrid with large clusters of strong-stemmed, purplish-blue blooms.

75cm HHA



Purple-violet With its beautifully perfumed purple-violet flowers, this is a traditional cottage garden favourite. 90cm HP/HB £2.25



Cichorium intybus

120cm HP

£3.25

Most attractive wild flower with

lovely, clear bright blue flowers

in summer and early autumn.

334N

£2.65

Beautiful, tall spikes of delicate white papery flowers tinged with a subtle shade of pale blue.

90cm HA £2.25



Gilia capitata

Charming annual with ferny foliage and dense, heads of small, pale blue flowers that are particularly fine for cutting. £2.25 40cm HA



'Bristol' Absolutely beautiful flowers in

subtle shades of pale, watercolour blue with an exquisite scent. Especially floriferous. 250cm HA(CI) £2.75



60cm HP

1148Z

£2.35

896E Phacelia tanacetifolia Dense, cylindrical spikes of Dense, curved spikes of small, numerous clear blue flowers. soft lavender, bell-shaped flowers which are enjoyed by bees. £2.65 90cm HA/HHA



Lathyrus odoratus, 764D 'Kingfisher' Pale green buds open into fresh, citrus scented flowers of pale, purple-grey on a cream background. 240cm HA(CI) £2.75

977A

£1.95



'Firmament' Indigo-blue flowers are produced very freely for bright colour in early summer borders.

Thalictrum delavayi 1238B

mauve flowers with long drooping

£2.35

Attractive species from China

with large, loose panicles of

stamens with yellow anthers.

120cm HP

40cm HA



Ipomoea tricolor, 'Heavenly Blue' Huge blooms of a lovely sky-blue colour.

flowers beloved by bees.

Borage

400cm HHP(CI) £2.45





Callistephus chinensis, 243M 'Duchesse Light Blue' Large and splendid pale lavender flowers with incurved petals on tall, upright stems.

70cm HA/HHA £2.25 100cm HA

Captivating colours in different

Centaurea cyanus,

'Classic Fantastic'

shades of blue.

45cm HA





304R



£1.95

Gilia tricolor

60cm HA

90cm HA



1377

Delightful annual with pretty blue

£1.95



Large umbels of beautiful, pale lavender-blue, faintly sweetscented flowers.

60cm HHA £2.25



Myosotis arvensis, 890C True Wild Form Beloved for its spikes of small bright blue flowers from April until September. Very easily grown. 30cm HA £2.25



Nigella damascena, 'Miss Jekyll' Beautiful variety with large, semi-double, bright light blue flowers.

903H

£2.25



Cosmos bipinnatus, 'Xsenia' A striking Cosmos; rosy-pink which is overlaid with an orangey, shimmering glow. 60cm HHA

Zinnia elegans,

90cm HA/HHA

'Super Yoga Carmine'

One of our favourite series, these

dazzling, dark pink flowers on tall,

are excellent cut flowers; large,

minimally branched stems.

1311W

£2.25

Lathyrus odoratus,

Bright cerise/magenta, highly

scented with real vibrancy of

'Annie B. Gilroy'

250cm HA(CI)

colour.



36D 'Cerise Queen' Beautiful cultivated Yarrow with ferny foliage and heads of flowers in a lovely shade of dark cherry red. 60cm HP £2.45



flower spikes of many rosy red blooms. 140cm HA £2.45



Leonurus sibiricus 777D

Vigorous plants with a natural elegance - spikes of pink flowers in whorls on long stalks. Lovely for cutting. 180cm HA £2.25

399W

£2.95

766Z

£2.45

blooming all summer, brilliant red flowers with a silky sheen. 35cm HA

Very easy, sow and forget and

£1.95

var. rubrum



Phlox drummondii 9860 grandiflora Tall Mixed Lovely selection of bright and more subdued pinks, some bicolored, alongside white flowers - some with pink eyes. Very easy. 45cm HA/HHA £1.95



Callistephus chinensis, 243H 'Duchesse Coral Rose' Fresh and cheery, perfect pink blooms. Large flowers with incurved petals on upright stems. 70cm HA/HHA £2.25



Long spires of brilliant pink

£2.25

330E

£3.25

£1.95

Dahlia,

45cm HHA/HHP

flowers.

120cm HP

Erysimum cheiri,

darker magenta.

30cm HP/HB

'Sugar Rush Purple Bicolour',

F1 Hybrid. Robust, floriferous

in a lovely, rich lavender with

and sweet-scented wallflowers



Brachyscome iberidifolia, 'Little Missy' Unusual soft lilac blue colour with a yellow eye.

£1.95

25cm HA/HHA



New

'Mignon Rose Shades' Super plants with masses of large, single bright pink blooms. Surprisingly easy to grow, flowering in around 12 weeks from sowing. £1.95



'Splendens' large, fluffy, sweet-scented purple-violet flowers. Brilliant for cuttina. 70cm HÅ



Cosmos bipinnatus, 397H 'Dazzler' Bright pinky-red flowers that really stand out in a crowd.

90cm HHA

90cm HHA

bracteatum, Bright Rose

Lovely bright carmine-rose with

£2.25

Helichrysum

a silvery tint.

Cottage garden favourite with

Lupinus polyphyllus,

These lupins in shades of

carmine are amongst the

showiest of hardy, herbaceous

'The Pages'

perennials.

150cm HP

32

828J

£2.45





Echinacea purpurea, 'Magnus'

Splendid and robust plants with strong stems and super large purple-pink flowers with a touch

490X £2.95





Digitalis purpurea, 463A True Wild Form The beautiful Foxglove needs no introduction.

£2.25

150cm HP/HB



Scabiosa atropurpurea, 1148X 'Beaujolais Bonnets' Beautiful deep wine coloured centres dotted with contrasting white stamens and pale pink ruffled outer petals. 60cm HP £2.25

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771F Lathvrus odoratus. 'Earl Grey' Beautiful flaked dark maroon petals that fade to grey.

240cm HA(CI) £2.45



Unpretentious and appealing wild Lupin with a natural beauty. The blue flowers on tall stems are loved by bees and butterflies. 60cm HP



attractive ferny foliage and a profusion of blue, rose-pink, purple and white flowers. £1.95 25cm HA/HHA



Limonium sinuatum, 811P 'Purple Attraction' Very popular everlasting rich violet-purple flowers. Fast-growing and super easy, a great choice for beginners. 80cm HHA £2.25



'Vanity' More compact variety with intense, fragrant blue flowers. will encourage bees from miles around.





Verbascum phoeniceum, 'Violetta' 1280Z Forming rosettes of fresh green foliage, it bears in summer candles of dark £2.25 purple-violet flowers. 90cm HP

Purple Patch



Lathyrus odoratus, 'Our Harry' Fragrant, wavy petals of deep mid-blue on long, strong stems. 240cm HA(CI)



498A Echium vulgare Easy hardy annual bearing in profusion spikes of exquisite flowers in an attractive, deep mid-blue. 90cm HA/HB £1.95

Salvia viridis, 'Oxford Blue' An old, tried and tested variety with the "flowers" coloured to match its name.

1138D

45cm HA



£2.25

813R

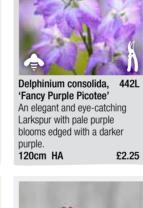
£2.25

Linaria purpurea

Old and reliable hardy perennial with long, slender spires crowded with purple-violet flowers all summer. £2.15 90cm HP



Browallia americana, 220W 'Blue Lady' Charming blue flowers in profusion. Perfect for naturalistic planting and drought tolerant. Very easy and long flowering. 60cm HHA £2.25





Aquilegia vulgaris, 113K True Wild Form One of our most beautiful native wild flowers. Found in woods and wet places, loved by bumble bees. 100cm HP £2.25



Agastache hybrida, 63Y 'Astello Indigo' A Fleuroselect Gold variety wonderful mint-scented spikes of deep-blue flowers. 60cm HHP £2.95



Anchusa azurea, 'Dropmore' Smart perennial with large panicles of lovely deep blue flowers all summer. 150cm HP

90A Centaurea cyanus, 304X 'Blue Diadem A bright blue cornflower with large, double flowers. £2.45 75cm HA



Lathyrus odoratus, 765Z 'Cupani' Robust, hardy strain with beautiful flowers with mauve wings and a maroon standard. Heady scent. 250cm HA(CI) £2.25

£2.25



Early flowering from June, this cultivated form has beautiful azure-blue flowers in almost globular heads. Excellent for cutting. 60cm HP £2.10

Scabiosa atropurpurea, 'Burgundy Beau' 1149J This stunning flower is of a colour quite unlike any other Scabious, a surprising deep purple. 60cm HA/HHA

£2.45

No Dig by Charles Dowding

Charles Dowding is a horticulturist and pioneer of the No Dig approach to gardening. It helps us to grow plentiful, healthy food while helping the soil and the planet

No dig is a simple and easy approach, based on two facets:

TREES

- 1: Soil is undisturbed, allowing its organisms to work and multiply. You build on top of the existing network of life. Occasionally you need to disturb soil by digging a hole to plant a tree, or when harvesting potatoes, but these are the exceptions.
- 2: Organisms are fed with organic matter on the surface. Nature works in this way and soil organisms are adapted to find food at the surface, from where they take it down.

Using any kind of compost, not necessarily perfect in texture, speeds up the process of feeding soil organisms, and boosts fertility. Sometimes this is referred to as feeding soil, but strictly speaking, we feed the life in the soil.

Vegetables need fertile soil to be successful. Using compost rather than undecomposed organic matter, increases fertility quickly and gives speedy results, usually with fewer soil pests than if you use straw, hay or fresh woodchip.

Why it works

An important understanding is that plant feeding is about biology (fungi, etc.) more than chemistry (nutrients/minerals).

No dig increases the ability of plants to find food which was already there. Undisturbed soils have existing networks of mycelia

or fungi: some are mycorrhizal which team up with plant roots to help them find nutrients and moisture. In return, the roots excrete carbon, a key food for mycelia – they do not have other sources of nourishment.

At Homeacres, I use no fertiliser or feed. I spread one application of compost a year, unsieved. Around 2-3cm in depth on all beds, and that's enough for two plantings a year.

Soil structure increases partly through an organic substance in soil called glomalin, only discovered in 1996. It's the outer sheath of mycorrhizal hyphae. In their cycle of growth and decay, they leave the glomalin behind, and it's a sticky substance which holds soil particles together as aggregates. They are of varied size and the spaces between them allow water to pass through soil, with easy growth of plant roots.





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Results

Speed of work, less time needed

Bed prep is quick, just a light rake to level the surface before new sowing and planting.

And you can plant into a new bed created on weeds, on the same day you created it, even with perennial weeds still alive underneath.

If starting with a mass of weeds, lay cardboard on them just the one time, and 10-12cm organic matter on it, keeping compost for the surface layer.

Ease of work

Weeds appear less, since their healing properties are not needed by healthy soil. You will be amazed! Many other jobs become unnecessary: you don't need to worry about feeding plants, watering is less, and plants stand up better with less need for staking, because no dig soil has a firm and yet open structure.

Productivity

No dig uses less compost than an equivalent area dug or tilled, because no carbon is lost from cultivation, and active soil life increases plant roots' ability to find food. I run a trial of two beds side-by-side, both 5' x 16', and receiving the same amount of compost. One of the beds I dig every winter, and it grows consistently less than the neighbouring no dig bed.

Less need for rotation

Thanks to soil being super healthy, there is often less disease and more nutrition. I run a trial where I've been growing plants of the same family every year in the same ground. In the eighth consecutive year of potatoes, the yield was higher than any of the previous years, 58kg Charlotte from 8m².

A few of Charles' favourite varieties



Mustard, 'Green Frills' 1398F This is the most hardy mustard I know, down to -9C even. It grows a beautiful delicate, tender leaf, which tastes good and looks exquisite in any salad bowl of mixed leaves. So welcome when few other plants are making new £1.95 leaves

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Chervil, 'Vertissimo' 1380A Chervil is a wonderful herb for winter, because it tolerates a lot of frost and somehow manages to grow in cool, dark conditions. I value its flavour of aniseed which brings that something extra to my mix of winter salad £2.25 leaves.

Chilli Pepper, 'Padron'

I love and hate Padron! From delicious, sweet pepper, to

Overall, it's fun, and is ideal for making kimchi. 15 seeds.

outrageously hot chilli fruits, which look the same, all from the

same plant! I had not realised this could happen, and thought I had

muddled fruits from different plants. No, it was not a mistake, this

surprises, or shocks according to how many Scoville units you like!

really is possible. So this has to be the vegetable with the most



Relax

You can walk on your beds, thanks to soil's firm but open structure. It's a misunderstanding that soil needs to be loose and soft for roots to grow.

1356Y

£2.85

Courgette,

'Early Gem', F1 Hybrid

It starts early and keeps

I first grew this in 1983 and

was highly impressed, so it's

cropping for 3+ months, with

good flavour. 16 seeds. £2.45

long and thin courgettes of

wonderful to find it still available.

This is never the case in nature and plant roots easily travel through undisturbed soil when it's maintained in a good structure.

You can read more about Charles' approach in his book – available now: No Dig: Nurture your soil to grow better veg with less effort

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1826D



Salad Onion, 'Apache' 1778F From April to June, spring onions are my favourite vegetable. They just taste and feel so healthy, and this one has the bonus of gorgeous red colour. Bulbs will eventually form, enjoy it at all stages of growth. £2.15



Chinese Cabbage, 'Yuki', F1 Hybrid I've grown this one for many years and find it consistently vigorous, with wonderful dense hearts or heads which store really well. Sow in late July to early August for cropping in late autumn, and then you have a long period of use, just cover against the insects!



Tomatillo, 'De Milpa' 1396E Tomatillos are easy to grow, much easier than tomatoes and more tolerant of cooler conditions, though they are less delicious! However, they work brilliantly in salsa dishes and have a tangy flavour which complements other milder vegetables.

£2.45



Brokali, 1758Z 'Tenderette', F1 Hybrid These are so impressive for their long period of cropping. The tender stems develop less stringiness than normal in proportion to the length. You still want to pick them before too old, a very versatile cropper. £2.95



1774A Onion, 'Bonus', F1 Hybrid I like this one for its resistance to downy mildew, which can be catastrophic in May and June if it rains a lot. It's a nice quality onion, stores well and is mild in flavour.

1328G

£2.45



Coriander. 'Cruiser' Two characteristics mark out this variety. Firstly, leaves are large, with more leaf and less stalk, plus a decent flavour. Second is slowness to flower and bolting. I sow in February, May, July and September for months of £2.25 picking.



Mooli Radish 1347A 'Mino Summer Cross', F1 Hybrid Best time to sow is mid to late summer for a long period of cropping in autumn. Cover with mesh against root fly and caterpillars, then heavy harvests are brilliant for pickles and £2.25 ferments.

I first grew this beetroot in 1983, and it served me well through several decades. You can grow your own seeds, but for beetroot you need a lot of space, so this is a good buy! £1.95





'Chioggia' Striking heirloom Italian variety with ornamental, contrasting dark pink and white alternating rinas. £1.95



or Land Cress A splendid substitute for Water Cress. Ready in a couple of months from sowing.

£1.95



Broad Bean, 1702 'Aquadulce Claudia' Originating in Spain, this is a favourite for very early crops. Very hardy.

Aubergine, 1810 'Black Beauty'

Introduced about 1910 and long popular with home gardeners, very reliable with a good flavour.

£1.95



1396D 'Summer Thyme de Provence' Reputedly the most flavoursome thyme you can grow, with a stronger and sweeter taste.



'Roscano' Chivey-samphire flavoured fleshy needle-shaped leaves. Delicious with olive oil and lemon. An Italian delicacy. £2.15

growing outside in UK conditions, very robust bright green leaves.

'British Basil'



1736E 'Principe' Easy to grow, picked when green, the pods can be quickly boiled and eaten like Edamame. Delicious!



Broad Bean, 1703D 'Crimson-Flowered' Revitalised heritage variety with wonderful deep crimson flowers followed by very tasty beans.

£2.65



Climbing French Bean, 1817E 'Cobra' A real favourite – defying all lousy weather to resolutely provide a plentiful supply of sweet beans. £3.65



Squash, 'Uchiki Kuri' Attractive trailing variety with striking bright orange fruits with a delicious nutty flavour. £2.25



Courgette, 1826B 'Costata Romanesco' Very distinct, splendid heirloom variety from Rome. Very large, vining plants with long, fluted, tender fruits up to 60cm. £1.95



Runner Bean, 1710F 'White Lady' Excellent variety with long, smooth, slender pods, said to be the very best tasting runner bean. Beautiful white flowers in profusion. £3.55



Bunching Onion, 1779 'White Lisbon' Indispensable for a decent salad is this old favourite for sowing March to September; harvest whilst still young. £2.15



1358A Courgette, 'All Green Bush' Lovely variety. Harvest these regularly, they will reward you with plentiful courgettes over a long period. 12 seeds. £1.95



Carrot,

colour.

'Atomic Red'

Fantastic dark red carrot with

a lovely sweet, strong flavour;

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lightly cook to intensify the

Climbing French Bean, 1817B 'Cosse Violette' Strong-growing bean that will produce for you a steady supply of narrow, stringless, dark purple pods. £2.55



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£2.35



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'Hamik', F1 Hybrid We tasted a lot of peppers last summer and this was the tastiest! Small, sweet, almost seedless, orange fruits on compact plants. £2.65



Coriander, 1382H 'Calypso' British-bred 'Calypso' is the slowest bolting variety and perfect for the home herb garden.



Dwarf French Bean, 1815H 'Elba' Fast maturing new bean with super slim. flavourful beans over

a long period. With a wonderful flavour, they are very fine in £2.75 every way.



'Tasty Mustard Mix' 1398G

Fantastic mixture of tasty leaves in a mixture of both shapes and textures, reds and greens. All very quick and very easy to grow. £2.35



Carrot, 1736T 'Purple Sun', F1 Hybrid 'Purple Sun' is coloured all the way to the middle and won't even surrender their colour when cooked, no matter how hard you £2.45 might try!



Cucamelon

Very popular and very easy, producing an abundance of mini watermelons with the flavour of cucumber and lime. £2.25



1757F Baby Cucumber, 'Mini Munch'. F1 Hybrid Super dependable new variety. Small fruits with smooth, thin and tender skins have a superior flavour. Vigorous but manageable £3.85 plants. 5 seeds.



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baby leaves. £2.95



'Musselburah' A very old and extremely hardy favourite with long, thick stems and dark leaves.



Lovely large, plain leaves with a strong, distinctive and delicious



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1361K

£2.95

1369D

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Wild Rocket,

'Dragon's Tongue'

Distinctive British bred wild

purple-red veining on its leaves.

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rocket variety with intense

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silvery-blue skin. 8 seeds.

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orange, cherry type Tomato

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Lettuce, Mixed

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£2.95

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£1.95

Cherry Tomato,

'Tumbling Tom Red'

This splendid variety is a genuine

overflowing hanging baskets and

patio containers 15 seeds. £3.15

tumbling tomato. A compact,

bush variety, it is perfect for

1849A







Red Cabbage, 1729 'Red Drumhead' A popular and well known variety with dark red. solid hearts. A March sowing will mature from mid-September. £1.95



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1367G



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£2.25



Pea. 'Alderman' We have chosen this pea for its superior cropping over a particularly extended period.

£2.45

1371G

£2.35



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