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### Figaro™ Red Shades Dahlia

*Dahlia 'Figaro Red Shades'*

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

#### Description:

This lovely dwarf variety is a prolific bloomer, producing masses of velvety red flowers for a long period beginning in mid summer; wonderful along borders or in containers; not frost hardy

#### Ornamental Features

Figaro Red Shades Dahlia features showy semi-double red round flowers with gold eyes at the ends of the stems from mid summer to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

#### Landscape Attributes

Figaro Red Shades Dahlia is an herbaceous annual with a mounded form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Figaro Red Shades Dahlia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



*Figaro Red Shades Dahlia flowers*  
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*Figaro Red Shades Dahlia in bloom*  
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### **Planting & Growing**

Figaro Red Shades Dahlia will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. Although it's not a true annual, this plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Figaro Red Shades Dahlia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

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