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### **Moonstruck® Orange Marigold**

*Tagetes erecta 'Moonstruck Orange'*

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 20 inches

Spacing: 16 inches

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: African Marigold, Mexican Marigold

#### **Description:**

This outstanding compact selection produces huge, dense, orange flower heads that fade to pale yellow; impressive along borders or in patio containers; long lasting blooms

#### **Ornamental Features**

Moonstruck Orange Marigold features bold fully double orange ball-shaped flowers at the ends of the stems from late spring to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its fragrant ferny leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Moonstruck Orange Marigold is an herbaceous annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Moonstruck Orange Marigold is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



*Moonstruck Orange Marigold flowers*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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### **Planting & Growing**

Moonstruck Orange Marigold will grow to be about 16 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 16 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

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 type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Moonstruck Orange Marigold 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 larger 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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