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### Dahlinova® Florida Dahlia

*Dahlia 'Florida'*

Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 18 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

#### Description:

A beautiful early blooming variety perfect for adding a pop of color in borders, beds and containers; double blooms of light pink and magenta rise above lush green foliage; flowers from late spring into the fall; mildew resistant

#### Ornamental Features

Dahlinova Florida Dahlia features showy double shell pink daisy flowers with pink overtones at the ends of the stems from early to late summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

#### Landscape Attributes

Dahlinova Florida Dahlia is an herbaceous annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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.

Dahlinova Florida Dahlia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



*Dahlinova Florida Dahlia flowers*  
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### Planting & Growing

Dahlinova Florida Dahlia will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 18 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. The flower stalks can be weak and so it may require staking in exposed sites or excessively rich soils. 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.

Dahlinova Florida 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 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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