



Clara Curtis Chrysanthemum\* Chrysanthemum 'Clara Curtis'

Plant Height: 18 inches Flower Height: 24 inches Spread: 24 inches Sunlight: **O O** 

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Other Names: Garden Mum

## **Description:**

Beautiful warm pink, daisy-like blooms with yellow eyes blanket green, fern-like foliage on bushy mounded plants; great for planting in borders, beds and containers; stunning added to fresh-cut arrangements; blooms from late summer to mid fall



Clara Curtis Chrysanthemum flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

## **Ornamental Features**

Clara Curtis Chrysanthemum is smothered in stunning pink daisy flowers with yellow eyes at the ends of the stems from late summer to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its fragrant ferny leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

## Landscape Attributes

Clara Curtis Chrysanthemum is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for 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.

Clara Curtis Chrysanthemum is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

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## **Planting & Growing**

Clara Curtis Chrysanthemum will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

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. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. 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.

Clara Curtis Chrysanthemum is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

\* This is a 'special order' plant - contact store for details

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