

Cherry Carmel Phlox: This variety can be both seeded indoors or direct seeded. When direct seeding (which is the recommendation) plant as soon as the soil is workable. Needs darkness to germinate so plant 1/8 inches below soil. If starting indoors, start seed mid April. Try to limit root disruption. Harvest when half the flowers are open. **50-65 Days to Maturity.**

Cut Flower Tips:

Put into water immediately after cutting. When getting ready to arrange re-cut the stem with a 45 degree angle under water. Use a floral preserver in your water to help keep the flowers from fading too quick. Once in a vase, avoid placing in direct sun or near fruits or vegetables! Refrigeration in water can help preserve freshness until ready for use.

Carnival Cut Flower Mix



GROWING GUIDE

Albert Lea Seed House Garden Center



Albert Lea Seed

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Varieties Included

- Zinderella Peach Zinnia.....



- QIS™ Carmine Gomphrena



- Lady Coral Lavender China Aster.....



- Rocket Mix Snapdragon.....



- Cherry Carmel Phlox.....



Variety Needs

Zinderella Peach Zinnia: Start seed indoors mid-April. Cool temperatures may result in slow germination—heat mats are beneficial. Roots are sensitive and the plant doesn't like to be restricted. Pinch initial blooms to encourage branching and more future flowers. Planting a crop every 2 weeks can help ensure a steady full harvest. Harvest blooms when the stem at the cut is firm and the bloom isn't quite open. **75-90 Days to Maturity.**

QIS™ Carmine Gomphrena: Plant indoors late March. Cover seeds very lightly and water gently to not disturb the seed. Harvest when in color but not fully open. Makes a great dried flower—hang to dry. **85-100 Days to Maturity.**

Lady Coral Lavender China Aster: Start indoors early March. Can also be direct seeded once soil temperature reaches 65-70 degrees. Harvest when outer florets begin to open. Can be used as a dry flower too—hang to dry. **115-125 Days to Maturity.**

Rocket Mix Snapdragon: Start indoors early March. Seed needs light for germination so cover just enough to hold seed in place. Water gently by misting or bottom watering to not disturb seed. Pinching is encouraged (but optional) to create branching. Pinch half height after plant has developed 4-6 leaves. Pinching will delay bloom by a few weeks. Harvest when bottom 1/3 of florets on the spike are open. **120 Days to Maturity.**