

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### DO THEY MAKE GOOD CUT FLOWERS?

Yes. Keep in mind that these plants have been bred for garden performance, they make great pots and the long slender stems produce beautiful cut flowers. Only don't cut the flowers off, give them a gentle twist and fold so that the stem breaks off right down at the growing point at the base of the plant. Pick the flowers often it encourages fresh growth and prevents the spent flowers getting tatty.

### MY PLANTS ARE NOT BLOOMING IN PROFUSION?

They prefer full to partial sun. Too little sun will cause limp foliage and sub-standard blooming.

### DO I NEED TO DIVIDE THEM EVERY FEW YEARS?

Although not necessary, you can divide them carefully in early spring of the third year to reinvigorate them and to increase the stock.

### HOW HARDY ARE THEY AND ARE THEY DECIDUOUS?

The Garvinea series is cold hardy to about 0F when planted in the garden - USDA Hardiness Zone 6b to 7. In warm winter areas they are evergreen. In cold winter areas they are deciduous. They provide strong resistance against pests and diseases like downy mildew and leafminer that plague the annual Gerber varieties.

### CAN THEY GROW IN A ROCKY TYPE SOIL?

They prefer soil with good water holding ability and drainage. Rocky soil is not recommended.

### WHAT IS NECESSARY TO WINTERIZE THEM?

After the first heavy frost, cut all shoots back to about 3 inches above the soil. Add a few inches of top dress mulch of straw, pine needles or leaves. Remove in early spring. Plants rest from November - April.

### ARE THEY DEER AND RABBIT RESISTANT?

These new hybrids are irresistible to gaze at with their awesome attention-getting flowers, floriferous nature, and vigorous habit. And they are both deer and rabbit resistant and yet a favorite of butterflies!

### WHAT ARE SOME NICE COMPANION PLANTS?

Coreopsis, Hardy Geranium, Yarrow, Hardy Yucca, Liatris, Salvia, Black-Eyed Susan, Daylilies make nice companions.

## FIRST THINGS FIRST...

When your plant arrives from Roberta's, remove from the shipping box immediately.

Remove plastic bag and/or sleeve from around potted plant(s). Discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil. Pull away any yellow or brown leaves that may have occurred during transit. If you can not plant it into garden or larger pot within a few days, make sure it stays well watered.

When ready to plant, do the job as early in the day as possible to avoid extreme soil temperatures that prevent proper water uptake from the roots. Water them in well and whisper a few words of wisdom.



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### Plant Hardiness Zone Map



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## ROBERTA'S GARDENS PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



Sweet Series Hardy  
Gerber Daisies  
(Gerbera hybrids)



## QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:	Full to Partial
USDA HARDINESS ZONES:	6b to 11
PLANT TYPE	Perennial
PLANTING DISTANCE:	15 to 18 inches
MATURE HEIGHT/SPREAD:	12-20 inches 18-24 inches
BLOOM TIME:	Late Spring – Early Autumn by second season.
PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS:	Unpack your plants immediately removing any packing material. Water immediately. Plant in garden immediately after the night temperatures stay above 40 degrees spacing about 9-12 inches.
<small>(soil preparation, depth, which end is up, etc.)</small>	

## PLANTING GUIDE

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STEP

Unpack your plants immediately removing any packing material. Water immediately. Cut away any yellow or brown leaves or broken stems that may have occurred. This grooming is completely normal and will take place as the plant grows. New leaves and stems appear as the old ones are cut away.

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STEP

Plant in garden immediately after the night temperatures stay above 40 degrees spacing about 9-12 inches. Dig holes twice the width of the root ball and about 5-6 inches deep. Place them in their holes and pack soil firmly around root ball. Full or partial sun is best.

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STEP

Water them thoroughly.

4

STEP

They are prolific blooming plants that bloom heaviest in late spring throughout summer. They are hardy in the winter to 0 F.

## CONTINUING CARE

### SHELF LIFE

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### PLANT PREPARATION

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### POTTED PLANTS

Rather than the garden you may re-pot into containers. Re pot the plants into at least 8 inch pots separately or together inside one larger container.

### SOIL PREPARATION

If your soil is clayish amend it with a standard garden soil for adequate drainage and moisture retentiveness.

### GARDEN PREPARATION

Pick a sunny location that can be easily viewed for the flower's beauty. Borders, perimeters, and walkways are a great location.

### PLANTING DEPTH and SPACING

Plant separately spacing about 15 to 18 inches. Dig holes twice the width of the root ball and about 5-6 inches deep. Place them in their holes and pack soil firmly around plant.

### PLANT HEIGHT and WIDTH

These grow about 12 to 20 inches tall and about 18 to 24 inches wide.

### WATER

Water thoroughly upon planting and continue once or twice a week. They like decent moisture.

### FERTILIZER

This helps maintain flower size and count from year to year. For best results, use Roberta's Flower Magic Plant Food (M7503) once a month all summer long.

### LIGHTING

Full sun or partial sun is preferred.

### BLOOMING

They are prolific blooming plants that will bloom from late spring until frost, especially by the second season.

### TEMPERATURE ZONE 6b to 11

These are hardy down to 0F when planted into the ground. In containers they withstand about 10 F.

### WINTER DORMANCY

After the first heavy frost, cut all shoots back to about 3 inches above the soil. Add a few inches of top dress mulch of straw, pine needles or leaves. Remove in early spring. Plants rest from November - April.

### PROPAGATING

These plants will re-bloom and spread every year. They can be subdivided in early spring when the new growth begins to occur. Do so after 2-3 years as this will increase yield considerably.

## ADDITIONAL REFERENCE



Garvinea Gerber shipped as shown



Sweet Caroline beaming in the garden



Sweet Spice blooming in Autumn



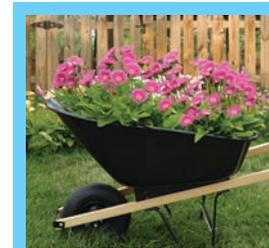
Cheery Patio Containers



Sweet Memories in pots



Multitudes of Flowers for many months each year



Sweet Surprise growing in an old wheelbarrow