

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT MAKES THESE PATIO DAHLIAS SPECIAL?

This series of Lubega XL Patio Dahlias represent some of the largest flowering pot dahlias available. They are exactly what every gardener yearns for: compact plants with huge flowers. Not only do they have giant flowers, they have been bred to grow with uniform branching so they fill out containers exceptionally well, never leaving bare spots. Each variety in the collection will produce large double petaled blossoms with each plant producing numerous flowers.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IN THE FALL?

If planted in pots, once temperatures start to drop to 30F, simply move pots indoors into your home, garage, cellar or anywhere else that will shelter them from the cold. If planted in the garden, cut plants back leaving 6 inches of the stem. Dig them up if you live where winters drop below 30F being mindful not to harm the tuber in the soil. Gently work the soil off and allow the tuber to dry in the sun for one day. Place in paper bags with dry peat moss and store in cool dry area until late spring the following year.

WHY IS MY PLANT DROOPY?

Make sure to keep them moist all summer long. When they droop, water them heavily. Wait 15 minutes and then do it again.

WHERE SHOULD I PLANT THEM?

These varieties do great in containers on the patio, porch or deck, in window boxes or hanging baskets. If you prefer to plant them in the garden, try planting them alongside Gladiolus for a real colorful summer.

DO DAHLIA MAKE GOOD CUT FLOWERS?

These make excellent cut flowers. Cut only the portion of the stem where the open flower is borne and no more than 1/2 of the total stem.

FIRST THINGS FIRST...

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

Remove plastic bag and 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't 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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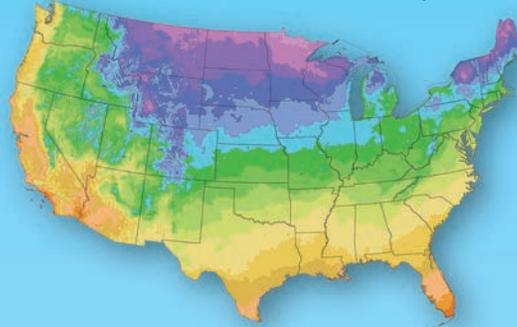
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Plant Hardiness Zone Map



9a to 11 (orange) 7a (light green) 6a (green) 5a (purple)
8a to 8b (yellow) 6b (light green) 5bs to 5bn (light blue) 3a to 4b (pink)
7b (yellow)



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ROBERTA'S GARDENS
PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



Lubega XL Patio
Dahlia Collection
(Dahlia hybrids)



QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:	Full to Part Sun
USDA HARDINESS ZONES:	9-11
PLANT TYPE	Annual
PLANTING DISTANCE:	12-18 inches
MATURE HEIGHT/SPREAD:	12-18 inches 12-18 inches
BLOOM TIME:	Late Spring to Fall by 2nd Season
PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS: <small>(soil preparation, depth, which end is up, etc.)</small>	Remove plastic bag and sleeve from around potted plant(s). Discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil. Transplant into a larger 10-12 inch container or together in larger containers with adequate drainage holes.

PLANTING GUIDE

1 STEP	Remove plastic bag and sleeve from around potted plant(s). Discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil. Pull away any yellow or brown leaves or spent flowers that may have occurred during transit. If you cannot plant it into garden or larger pot within a few days, make sure it stays well watered.
2 STEP	Transplant into a larger 10-12 inch container or together in larger container with adequate drainage holes. They can also be planted directly in garden spacing adequately. Water in well.
3 STEP	You should place plants outside as long as evening temperatures stay above 50 degrees Fahrenheit.
4 STEP	Planted now each plant will produce impressive flowers in mid summer and in following years bloom time may arrive even earlier. They are hardy in the winter to about 35F.

CONTINUING CARE

KEY TIPS

Plants can take intense sun on the flowers and leaves. These plants have extended bloom time. If you want to cut your stems for a flower vase, cut only the portion of the stem where the open flower is borne. Leave smaller flower buds on plant.

SHELF LIFE

Plant in pots immediately if desired. If planting into the garden itself, wait until night temperatures stay above 45 degrees.

PREPARATION

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POTTED PLANTS

These need at least ten inch pots or larger. Place outside when evenings stay above 45 degrees. Drainage holes are necessary.

SOIL

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

PLANTING SPACING

If planting in the garden, space about 12-18 inches apart. If planting multiple plants in one large container, allow about 12 inches of spacing.

WATER

Water thoroughly upon planting. To ensure a long, sustainable blooming period make sure to keep soil moist throughout summer.

FERTILIZER

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

LIGHTING

Full sun is preferred though half day is sufficient.

BLOOMING

These plants will bloom mid summer through early fall every year, starting either first or second season.

TEMPERATURE ZONE 9 to 11

These are hardy to 35F in the garden.

WINTER DORMANCY

These are annuals and cannot handle a freeze.

PROPAGATING

These roots will re-bloom every year. They can be subdivided in early spring after two years. Separate them making sure each section has a portion of old stem and a visible bud or "eye".

GROOMING

Simply cut away bloomed out flowers after spent during the summer. This promotes new flowers.

CUT FLOWERS

If you want to cut your stems for a flower vase, cut only the portion of the stem where the open flower is borne. Leave the smaller flower buds on plant.

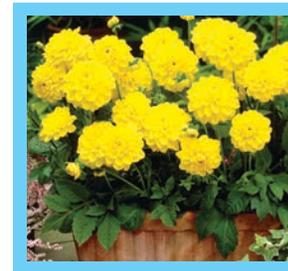
ADDITIONAL REFERENCE



Patio Dahlia Shipped as Shown



Perfect in containers



Multitudes of vibrant flowers



Compact and uniform growth