

Culture Information

Dahlia

Plant type:	Tender perennial
Plant height:	15-75cm
Sowing:	For seed-raised varieties, sow January through to May 15-20°C. Cover with medium Vermiculite. Germination 1-2 weeks.

Approximate crop timing (mid season)

Sowing to flowering	10-12 weeks
Seedling to flowering	9 weeks
Ball 350 to flowering	8 weeks
Ball 230 to flowering	7 weeks

Growing on:

Temperature	18-20°C
pH	5.8-6.2
Feeding	Constant balanced N:P:K fertiliser. EC 0.8-1.0
Growth regulation	If necessary, plants will respond to Daminozide.
Advice	Deep planting of plugs will produce a more stable plant. Do not let plants wilt – too little water will produce small plants.
Common diseases	Botrytis, Powdery Mildew, Tomato Spot Wilt Virus
Common pests	Thrips, Red Spider Mites, Whiteflies, Aphids, Leaf Miners

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Summary of Dahlia Choices			
	<u>Plant Height</u>	<u>Pot Size</u>	<u>Other comments</u>
Figaro	30cm	9 - 10.5cm pot and pack	
Diablo	35cm	9 - 10.5cm pot and pack	
Dahlietta® Surprise	20 – 25cm	10.5cm pot and premium pack	
Dahlietta®	20 - 25cm	1 - 2 litre pot and premium pack	Deep plant plugs for good anchorage. 1 plug per 10-13cm pot or 3 plugs per 15-18cm pot.
Happy Days®	25 - 35cm	1 - 2 litre pot	Pinch once after potting for a fuller, lusher looking plant
Gardenetta®	35 - 40cm	2 litre	
Dalaya	50 - 60cm	2 to 3 litre	
Dalaya Dark	50 - 60cm	2 to 3 litre	
Dalina® Maxi	40 - 50cm	3 to 5 litre	Pot week 22 for July sales
Mystic	120cm	5 litre	Pot week 11-15 for July sales (see Perennial Catalogue)

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