

MUM & ASTER

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Garden Care

Mums and Asters are easy to grow and great for adding color to bare spots in the garden. Plant in full sun to part shade and avoid extremely hot sites. Water once a week the first year and pinch the tops back every few weeks until July if you want bushier plants with more flowers.

Liberty Mums and Asters are hardy in the garden so they'll return the next year. Be prepared because they come back big, about knee high. They're tough enough to thrive on their own at this point so watering is unnecessary unless there's a long dry spell. Deer pass them by, too, so they last a nice long time in fall borders and beds.

Mini Décor In 4IN

Our 4-inch Mini Décor Mums are the ideal size for window boxes, combos, and planters, or anywhere you'd like to create your own seasonal display. Décor Mums can be used anywhere, sun or shade, and should get a good soak every 3 to 4 days.

Market Fresh Mums

At the farm one day and at the store the next—that's our Market Fresh Mums! They look their best and last a nice long time because they're delivered fresh from farm to store. Choose from solids or combinations in the classic dome-shaped habit with traditional tight pom pom style blooms. Market Fresh Mums are available in a range of small, medium, and large sizes. Plant them in the ground or fill a whiskey barrel on the porch!



Tricolor Mum—Three Autumn Shades In One Pot

Tricolor Mum

For a special look this season our Tricolor Mum mixes three popular autumn shades in one pot. Choose from four different color combinations to make fall decorating a breeze. These beautiful Mums come in the 9-inch pot size. They make eye-catching centerpieces, and the brilliant blooms add a splash of color alongside the standard pumpkins and hay bales.



Mini Décor Mums

Fall Project Ideas

Take a look around and you'll be surprised by the inspiration you find for fall décor:

- a tall, slim matte-black urn
- your vintage Radio Flyer wagon
- assorted glass candle lanterns

Arrange colorful Décor Minis in a sleek black urn for an upscale, minimalist porch display. To create a classic fall-in-New England look go with Mums in a rustic wagon. Stay on trend by filling glass lanterns with mini pumpkins and gourds, then placing them alongside a beautiful Aster or Mum.

Get creative as Halloween approaches—hollow out a plump jack-o-lantern pumpkin and use it as a planter! Give your pumpkin planter a face and use Mums for a nice full head of hair and find cabbages for ears. Or spray paint an old pot black for a cauldron to hold a bubbling brew of colorful Mini Décor Mums.

Plant a window box—the Mini Décor 4-inch is just the right size! Simply line the plants up or stagger them in assorted colors, make a pattern, or go upscale with a monochromatic display.

Tricolor Sunbasket

Our Tricolor Mum is also available in a beautiful, lush hanging Sunbasket. Like our summer Sunbasket, this one starts with our special Liberty coco fiber soil. It retains water better and includes slow-release fertilizer, so you'll have to water less often and you won't have to feed the plant. Easy! Just hang it on your haunted front porch between the floating ghosts and flapping plastic bats.

Aster For Blue And Purple

Although we ship it with Mums, and many people treat it like a Mum, Aster offers color choices that are rare in Mums: blue and purple. We sell Aster in two shades, blue and lavender, to complement the warm red, yellow, and orange tones of our Mums in your fall arrangements. Blue adds a fun, unexpected pop!

Aster's cool blue tones look sleek next to a white pumpkin, and contrast spookily against an orange one. Like Mums, Aster can be set out in a pot for seasonal décor or planted in the ground to create beautiful garden displays. It likes full sun best but also thrives in partial shade, plus Aster is a hardy perennial so your arrangement will last a long time.



Aster—Cool Shades Of Blue And Purple