

# Big Show Cut Flower Dahlia Collection



- A. Dahlia 'Spartacus'
- B. Dahlia 'Ferncliff Illusion'
- C. Dahlia 'La Luna'
- D. Dahlia 'AC Darkhorse'
- E. Dahlia 'Hart's Dr. McMurray'
- F. Dahlia 'Bodacious'
- G. Dahlia 'Shiloh Noelle'
- H. Dahlia 'Kelvin Floodlight'
- I. Dahlia 'Manhattan Island'
- J. Dahlia Purple Taiheijo'
- K. Dahlia 'Winesome'
- L. Dahlia 'Sir Alfred Ramsey'

## Planting Instructions

**For early flowering start your tubers in pots Mid-Late April.**

1. Check your tubers for growing eyes each growing eye will produce a plant. You can split your clumps of tubers as long as there is one tuber connected to each growing eye.
2. Start your tubers in 15-20 cm (6-8") pots in a planter box medium.
3. Keep pots moist, warm and frost free.

**Preparing the location.**

4. Once the soil outside is at least 10 deg C (50 deg F), choose a location that receives full sun.
5. Dig a hole at least 20 cm (8" deep) and 30 cm (12") wide.
6. Dahlias are heavy feeders and like a light soil mix with lots of peat.

**You're now ready to plant.**

7. Add 2 cups of compost or well rotted manure in each hole. Fill the half of the hole with the prepared soil mixture.
8. Place the tubers or started plants 10 cm (4") deep and 50 cm (20") apart.
9. Firmly place a 3-4 ft. stake at the back of each hole, to support the plant during the summer. Fill in the hole and thoroughly water.

**After Care**

10. Continue to water and disbud any faded blooms throughout the summer season. Fertilize throughout the summer.
11. Dahlias are not winter hardy. After the first major frost in the fall lift the clumps of tubers. Remove growing stems and the soil around the tubers.
12. Store the tubers over winter in frost free boxes with dry peat until spring.

**Store in a Cool, Dry Place  
Until Planting!**