

# Swizzle™ Cherry and Ivory Zinnia Zinnia 'Swizzle Cherry and Ivory'

Height: 14 inches Spread: 12 inches Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: O

Hardiness Zone: (annual)
Group/Class: Swizzle Series

## **Description:**

Gorgeous cherry red blooms with ivory tips stand out against medium green foliage on full, bushy plants; heat loving with strong garden vigor, perfect for sunny borders, beds and containers; excellent cut flower quality



Swizzle Cherry and Ivory Zinnia flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

# **Ornamental Features**

Swizzle Cherry and Ivory Zinnia features bold fully double cherry red daisy flowers with creamy white tips at the ends of the stems from mid spring to late summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its pointy leaves remain green in colour throughout the season.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Swizzle Cherry and Ivory Zinnia is an herbaceous annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Swizzle Cherry and Ivory Zinnia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

## **Planting & Growing**

Swizzle Cherry and Ivory Zinnia will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Swizzle Cherry and Ivory Zinnia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.