



**Orange Zest Chrysanthemum**  
*Chrysanthemum 'Orange Zest'*

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Garden Mum, Korean Mum, Dendranthemum

**Description:**

Prolific flowering with outstanding color retention, this mounded variety features eye-catching orange blooms over green foliage; heat, frost and weather tolerant; low maintenance and easy to grow; adaptable to various conditions; prefers full sun

**Ornamental Features**

Orange Zest Chrysanthemum is covered in stunning double orange daisy flowers at the ends of the stems from late summer to late fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its fragrant ferny leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

**Landscape Attributes**

Orange Zest Chrysanthemum is an herbaceous annual with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Orange Zest Chrysanthemum is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



*Orange Zest Chrysanthemum flowers*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

## **Planting & Growing**

Orange Zest Chrysanthemum will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. Although it's not a true annual, this plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. 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. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Orange Zest Chrysanthemum is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.