



Cranberry Ice



Raspberry Swirl



Strawberry Sorbet

## Dianthus Dessert Series

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This popular collection of mid-sized *Dianthus* is long blooming and hardy. Three cultivars are currently available, all of which have single, bicolored blooms with a "clock" pattern (dark edges and a dark center). The heaviest bloom is in spring, but plants will continue to flower sporadically in summer and often bloom quite heavily again in fall. This series provides spicy-scented, showy flowers, excellent vigor and disease resistance. *PlantHaven*; *Whetman*® *Dessert Series*.

- **'Cranberry Ice'**—Scented blooms have a white throat surrounded by dark magenta. Serrated, hot pink petals have an edge of the same magenta color.
- **'Raspberry Swirl'**—White throat is circled with burgundy and rounded, pale pink-to-white petals have a burgundy edge.
- **'Strawberry Sorbet'**—Colorful, fragrant flowers with red center have medium pink petals that are serrated and edged in red.

### USES

This series produces excellent, uniform, spring and early summer crops, perfect for Easter or Mother's Day. They perform well in rockeries, containers and front of the border.

### GROWER NOTES

*The following information is based on our own experience with this crop in the Pacific Northwest. Growth will vary depending on location, climate, growing medium and cultural practices. As always, where chemical use is involved, read the labels, follow the instructions and practice careful trialing methods.*

- Plant in full sun and fast-draining soil that is allowed to dry thoroughly between waterings.
- Since plants prefer cool conditions, avoid transplanting in hot, humid weather.
- Use fungicides for the prevention of common *Dianthus* diseases such as *Alternaria*, *Pythium* and *Fusarium*, as well as preventive sprays for mites during hot weather.
- Pinch and/or use growth regulators as needed to promote branching, particularly when using smaller plugs.
- In wet or severe winter climates, transplant in spring to minimize fungicide applications and the incidence of winter burn.

### PLANT DATA

- Height: 6"/12"
- Spread: 12"
- Bloom time: May–Jul
- USDA Zone: 5(-20°)

### APPROXIMATE FINISH TIMES

- 4" from 128-cell liner: 4–5 weeks from spring transplant
- 4" from 128-cell liner: 22 weeks from fall transplant
- Gallon from 128-cell liner: 22–26 weeks from fall transplant
- Gallon from 128-cell liner: 8–10 weeks from early spring transplant

### PATENT INFORMATION

Asexual propagation prohibited

D. 'Cranberry Ice': COPF, USPP #18342

D. Raspberry Swirl ('Devon Siskin'): COPF, USPP #14377

D. 'Strawberry Sorbet': COPF, USPP #18338