



Candy Floss



Passion



Tickled Pink

Dianthus Scent First™ Series

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This charming series of *Dianthus* features adorable, double and semidouble flowers rich in spicy fragrance. Evergreen foliage forms handsome, tidy tussocks. Very long blooming and drought tolerant once established, these *Dianthus* require no vernalization. *PlantHaven*; *Whetman® Series*.

- **Candy Floss**—Double, sugar pink blooms with reddish purple accents. Blue green foliage.
- **Passion**—Double, rich velvety red flowers. Smoky green leaves.
- **Tickled Pink**—Semidouble, deep lavender pink blooms. Blue green foliage.

USES

These are choice perennials for the front of the border, mixed beds or patio pots, and especially good in containers. They make an excellent pot crop, and grow equally well as a greenhouse crop planted in fall for early sales, or an outdoor nursery crop planted in spring for mid-to-late spring sales. Passion is the most free flowering, and may begin to bloom 2–3 weeks earlier than the others.

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.

- Use fast-draining soil and allow to dry thoroughly between waterings. *Dianthus* prefer cool conditions, so avoid transplanting in hot, humid weather.
- Grow greenhouse crops at 55–60° F and provide plenty of ventilation.
- Apply routine fungicides for the prevention of common *Dianthus* diseases such as *Alternaria*, *Pythium* and *Fusarium*.
- Monitor regularly for mites, aphids and thrips.
- For full pots, pinch early and/or use a growth regulator such as Florel® (ethephon) to promote branching.

PLANT DATA

- Height: 5"/10"
- Spread: 12"
- Bloom time: May–Oct
- USDA Zone: 6(-10°)

APPROXIMATE FINISH TIMES

- Gallon from 128-cell liner: 16–20 weeks from fall transplant (greenhouse)
- Gallon from 128-cell liner: 8–10 weeks from spring transplant (nursery)

PATENT INFORMATION

Asexual propagation prohibited
D. Candy Floss ('Devon Flavia'): USPP #15903
D. Passion ('WP Passion'): USPPP
D. Tickled Pink ('DEVON PP 11'): USPP #14919