



Coconut Lime



Hot Papaya



Meringue



Milkshake



Pink Double Delight

Echinacea Cone-ffections Series

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

From the Netherlands come these fabulous double *Echinaceas*, selected for excellent flower form, sturdy habit and well-branched stems. Abundant blooms appear for 8–12 weeks beginning in midsummer. *Plants Nouveau; hybridized by Arie Blom.*

- **'Coconut Lime'**—Pale lime cones are surrounded by white ray petals. It holds the place of honor as the first double, white cultivar available.
- **'Hot Papaya'**—Sizzling red orange blossoms with a hot orange yellow center.
- **'Meringue'**—Blossoms are similar in color to 'Coconut Lime', but this variety is shorter.
- **'Milkshake'**—French vanilla flower with falling ray petals.
- **'Pink Double Delight'**—Full pompons bloom in bright clear pink and fade to mauve as the blossoms mature.

USES

This well-branched and sturdy series exhibits superior garden performance for borders and containers, and like most *Echinaceas*, they are excellent cut flowers.

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.

- Transplant in full sun. Follow with a drench to control *Phytophthora* and *Pythium*.
- Plant plug even with the soil line.
- Configure™ (6-BA), a new growth regulator labeled for *Echinacea*, effectively increases the number of basal breaks quickly. This is a very useful tool on cultivars that tend to produce a strong central flower stem before the crown bulks up. Alternatively, you can pinch out the first flower buds to produce more branching and strength at the base of the plant. This is particularly true with plants that have not gone through dormancy, or plants that have not been sold during the first bloom cycle and need to be held.
- There are no major pests, but keep an eye out for aphids and leaf miners.
- Flower color may vary slightly depending on temperature and light levels.
- Plant mature, vernalized plugs in spring to provide a faster turn and simpler growing than with planting in the fall.

PLANT DATA

'Coconut Lime'

- Height: 24–30"/30"
- Spread: 12"
- Bloom time: Jul–Oct
- USDA Zone: 4(–30°)

'Hot Papaya'

- Height: 30–32"/32"
- Spread: 24"
- Bloom time: Jun–Aug
- USDA Zone: 4(–30°)

'Meringue'

- Height: 15–18"/18"
- Spread: 18"
- Bloom time: Jul–Oct
- USDA Zone: 4(–30°)

'Milkshake'

- Height: 30–32"/32"
- Spread: 24"
- Bloom time: Jun–Aug
- USDA Zone: 4(–30°)

'Pink Double Delight'

- Height: 18–24"/24"
- Spread: 24"
- Bloom time: Jul–Oct
- USDA Zone: 4(–30°)

APPROXIMATE FINISH TIMES

- Gallon from 72-cell liner: plant 8–10 weeks before first hard frost; finish in mid June
- Gallon from 72-cell liner: 10–12 weeks from spring transplant
- 2-gallon from 72-cell liner: plant 12–14 weeks before first hard frost; finish in mid June
- 2-gallon from 72-cell liner: 14–16 weeks from spring transplant

PATENT INFORMATION

Asexual propagation prohibited

E. purpurea 'Coconut Lime': COPF, CPBR #3281, USPP #18617

E. purpurea 'Hot Papaya': COPF, CPBRA, USPPP

E. purpurea 'Meringue': COPF, CPBRA, USPPP

E. purpurea 'Milkshake': COPF, CPBRA, USPPP

E. purpurea 'Pink Double Delight': COPF, CPBR #3291, USPP #18803