

Celosia

“Chief Mix”

Celosia "Chief Mix" is an annual flower that thrives in full sun and well-drained soil, with a preference for warm weather. Red, orange, pink and yellow 4-6 inch blooms. Once blooms are fully developed, they can be harvested for fresh or dried arrangements. Celosia holds color well, making it an excellent cut flower.

Detailed Growing Guide:

Planting:

- **Timing:** Plant in spring after the last frost date when the soil has warmed up.
- **Location:** Choose a sunny spot (at least 6-8 hours of direct sunlight).
- **Spacing:** Space plants 6-12 inches apart, depending on the variety.

Care:

- **Watering:** Water deeply twice a week, more often in hot weather.
- **Fertilizing:** Use a liquid plant food every couple of weeks, especially during rainy or hot periods.
- **Pinching:** Pinch back the tips of plants (when they are 6-12 inches tall) to encourage branching and more flowers, especially for varieties like C. cristata and C. plumosa.
- **Deadheading:** Remove faded blooms to encourage continuous flowering.
- **Support:** Tall varieties may need staking.