

Zinnia

“Polar Bear”

These lovely old-fashioned “dahlia-flowering” zinnias have delighted gardeners for generations. Polar Bear's pure white, fully double, 4 inch flowers have golden centers that unfold into little yellow stars as the flowers mature. They are borne on long-stemmed, 3 1/2 to 4 foot, multi-branching plants that are excellent for cutting armfuls of blooms all summer long. Polar Bear's white-petaled flowers are a fabulous color accent in the garden and provide an abundance of beautiful and long-lasting bouquets. Space plants 12-18 inches apart in Full Sun. Heat tolerant, attracts butterflies. Annual.

Detailed Growing Guide:

Watering:

- Water regularly, especially when plants are young and during dry periods.
- Avoid overwatering, as this can lead to diseases like powdery mildew.
- Water at the base of the plants, not over the foliage, to prevent mildew.

Fertilizing:

- Work compost into the soil before planting for a good source of nutrients.
- You may need to fertilize lightly if soil is poor.

Care:

- **Pinching:** Pinch off young plants to encourage bushier growth.
- **Deadheading:** Remove spent flowers to promote continued blooming.
- **Support:** This variety benefits from support.
- **Pest and Disease Control:** Monitor for pests and diseases like powdery mildew and address them promptly.