

Zinnia

“Zindarella Lilac”

Zinnia Zinderella Lilac is a compact, bushy annual zinnia variety known for its double lilac-pink blooms with a hint of yellow on top. It's an easy-to-grow plant, thriving in full sun and well-draining soil, and can be started indoors or sown directly into the garden after the last frost. To encourage strong branching and continuous blooms, pinch back young plants and regularly remove dead flowers.

Growing Guide:

- **Spacing:** Space plants 9-12" apart in rows 12-18" apart.
- **Soil:** Prefers well-draining, loamy soil with a pH between 6.0-7.0.
- **Sunlight:** Requires full sun, but tolerates part shade.
- **Watering:** Keep soil evenly moist, especially during establishment, but avoid wetting the leaves.
- **Fertilizer:** Apply a balanced fertilizer after planting and again during the flowering period.
- **Pinching:** Pinch back plants when they reach about 6-8" in height to encourage more branching.
- **Deadheading:** Remove spent flower heads regularly to promote continuous blooming.
- **Pests and Diseases:** Zinnias are relatively pest and disease-resistant, but can be prone to powdery mildew in humid conditions, so ensure good air circulation.
- **Transplanting:** Be gentle when transplanting seedlings to avoid transplant shock, which can cause double-flowering varieties to produce single blooms.
- **Cut Flowers:** Zinnias make excellent cut flowers, and cutting the flowers encourages more blooms.