

Zinnias

may start with a “z,” but they belong at the top of the garden alphabet. Great for beginners, this annual is on our A-list of the simplest flowers to grow from seeds. Just wait for the soil to warm in spring, toss in a handful of seeds, and stand back—you’ll have seedlings within a week and blooms by June or July, when summer heat fuels their nonstop flower power. Only frost can end the show.


Select dwarf types (10–18 inches tall), such as ‘Thumbelina’ and ‘Swizzle’ to edge beds or fill small pots; medium-size varieties (18–24 inches tall), including ‘Lilliput’ and ‘Green Envy’ to grow in large containers or the middle of your garden; or giants (2½–4 feet tall), such as ‘Blue Point’ and ‘Zowie Yellow Flame’ to add drama to the back of a border. For vases, ‘Benary’s Giant’ and ‘Peppermint Stick’ are a cut above the rest.

Powdery mildew (an unsightly gray powder on foliage) can be a problem for zinnias where summers are humid. Reduce the risk by following recommended plant spacing (found on the back of the seed packet) to promote good air circulation and by keeping leaves dry when you water. Or select one of the disease-resistant hybrids, including ‘Blue Point’, ‘Profusion’, and ‘Star’.




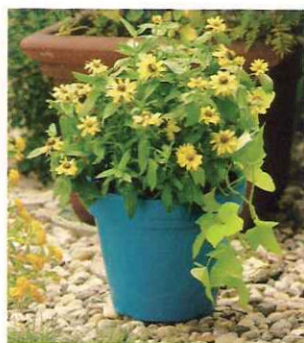
Zinnias
Zinnia spp.

ANNUAL, PLANT IN
SPRING OR SUMMER

WATER


HEIGHT
10-48"

SUN




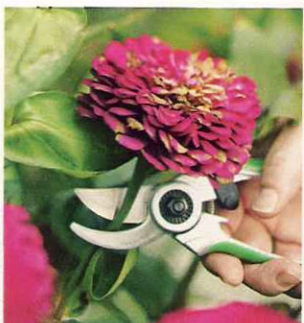
CONTAINER COLOR

Compact zinnias, such as the bushy, 12- to 18-inch ‘Zahara Yellow’, above, are ideal for large pots. Other great pot varieties include ‘Crystal White’, ‘Lilliput’, and ‘Thumbelina Mix’.



BUTTERFLY MAGNETS

Want to attract winged visitors to your garden? Zinnias serve a steady supply of nectar that caters to butterflies. ‘Profusion Orange’, above, is a favorite.



GROOM AND BLOOM

To prolong blooming, snip off faded flowers, above, before they form seeds. Don’t want to deadhead? ‘Profusion’ zinnias are self-cleaning.

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MOM TIME

Pages 30-32: daisies on table cloth, Martha Stewart stickers, Zots, adhesive dots—Michael's Arts & Crafts; 800/642-4235; michael's.com. Green chairs—IKEA; 800/434-4532; ikea.com. Cookie cutters—H.O. Foose Co.; 610/944-1960; foosecookiecutter.com. Glass cylinders—Crate & Barrel; 800/967-6696; crateandbarrel.com (product line varies).

A LEASE ON LIGHT

Pages 36-37: elephant side table, hanging light fixture, vases on mantel, artwork, rug—Armour & Co. Home Emporium; 404/817-3725; armourandco.com. Wall color (Mahaka)—Pratt & Lambert Paints; 800/289-7728; prattandlambert.com. Products not listed—one of kind.

Pages 38-39: wall color (Durability)—Pratt & Lambert Paints (see previous). Artwork, rug, white chairs, elephant side table, hanging light fixture over table—Armour & Co. Home Emporium (see previous). Vases on table—Oly studio; for retail sources; olystudio.com. Light fixture in living room—IKEA; 800/434-4532; ikea.com. Pages 40-41: wall color (Dove White)—Benjamin Moore & Co.; benjaminmoore.com. Side table, lamp, chandelier, cream/orange pillows—Armour & Co. Home Emporium (see previous). Page 42: orange stool—Armour & Co. Home Emporium (see previous).

DESKS JOBS

Page 51: wallpaper, Star Flower #WE70002 Jazz Collection—Seabrook Wallcoverings; 800/238-9152; seabrookwallpaper.com. Aquinua woven cotton rug—Dash & Albert Rug Co.; 800/442-8157; dashandalbert.com. Blue box—Stray Dog Designs; 866/478-7297; straydogdesigns.com. Art frames—Larson Juhl/The Gallery at Brookwood; 877/726-4699; thegallery.us. Picture frame, cup—Anthropologie; 301/230-6520; anthropologie.com. Page 52: wallpaper, Veranda Stripe (Yellow)—Thibaut; 800/223-0704; thibautdesign.com. Orange bowl—Anthropologie (see previous). Yellow vase, "SACK"—West Elm; 888/922-4119; westelm.com. Frame—Larson Juhl/The Gallery at Brookwood (see previous). Rug—World Market; 877/967-5362; worldmarket.com (product varies by location). Page 54: "Alvine Ruta" rug—IKEA; 800/434-4532; ikea.com. White storage box wastepaper basket—Stray Dog Designs (see previous). Pet Organizer Binder—Knock Knock; 800/656-5662; knockknock.biz. Orange storage box, Lucite desk organizer—Organize It; 800/210-7712; organize-it.com. Window shade—Target Stores; target.com for a location. Clock, blue vase—Crate & Barrel; 800/967-6696; crateandbarrel.com (product line varies).

NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Pages 58-64: general contractor—Chuck Taylor; 203/768-8475. Pages 58-59: folding café chairs—Tulip Tree Collection; 860/868-2802. Tablecloth fabric—Brunschwig Filis; brunschwigfilis.com. White enamelware platters—Pottery Barn; 203/797-1176; potterybarn.com. Yellow ginger jar as table—Green Hill Home and Garden; 860/868-6859. Pages 60-61: blue sofa, club chairs—Maureen Ciriella Design; 203/264-9786. Rugs—HomeGoods; 203/797-9427; homegoods.com. Coffee table—Lillian August; 203/797-1046; lillianaugust.com. Mother of Pearl votives—J. Seitz and Co.; 860/868-0119; jseitz.com. Art over mantel—Authantiques; 203/266-9121; authantiques.com. Metal side table, floor lamp—Homeward Bound; 860/350-0060; howewardbound.com. Mirror—Monique Shay Antiques; 203/263-3186; moniqueshayantiques.com. Silver bowl on table, lamp on desk—Tulip Tree Collection; 860/868-2802. Pages 62-63 (top): beds—Pottery Barn (see previous). Hand crochet pillows—Verderosa Designs; 203/263-7412; bardot@verderosadesign.com. Table—Monique Shay Antiques; 203/263-3186; moniqueshayantiques.com. Woven straw chairs—Pottery Barn (see previous). Mercury glass vase on table—Homeward Bound (see previous). Painted buffet—United House Wrecking; 203/348-5371; unitedhousewrecking.com. Geometric Rug—Company C; companyc.com. Tall vase—Target; target.com. (Bottom left): headboard—Pottery Barn (see previous). Linens, throw pillows—Target; target.com. Rug—HomeGoods (see previous). Yellow glass lamps—J Seitz

and Co. (see previous). Bedside tables—Elephant's Trunk Flea Market; etflea.com. (Right): table, chairs—Country Loft Antiques; 203/263-4500; countryloftantiques.com. "Chloe" sofa—J. Seitz & Co. (see previous). Throw pillows—HomeGoods (see previous). Green linen pillow, glass lamp, green stacking tables—Pottery Barn (see previous). Tall galvanized vase—Target; target.com.

AGE-DEFYING BEAUTY

Pages 68-73: interior designer—Stephanie Rigaux, DC Estates; 301/346-9179; dcestates.net. Page 68: wall color (Etched Glass) #626—Benjamin Moore & Co.; benjaminmoore.com. Cabinets—Hagerston Cabinets; 301/733-2930; hagerstonkitchens.com. Backsplash tile, "Mizu" line (Sea)—Walker Zanger; 877/611-0199; walkerzanger.com. Countertops, "Persia Blanco" Granite—available through a local stone supplier. Bar stools, Redford House—Urban Country; urban-country.com. Cappuccino machine—Dacor; 800/923-1000; dacor.com (for a dealer or brochure). Page 70: windows—Weathershield; 800/222-2995; weathershield.com. Chandelier—Ebay, ebay.com. Lights above island—Rejuvenation Lamp & Fixture Co.; 888/401-1900; rejuvenation.com. Page 73: double oven, "Profile"—GE Appliances; 800/626-2005; geappliances.com. Farm sink—Shaw's Original, faucet, Perrin & Rowe Collection—Rohi Home; rohihome.com. Jadete dinnerware, canister, hot plate, drink mixer, juicer, all other accessories—vintage or personal belongings.

HAPPY CAMPERS

Page 74: tepee, Lucy & Michael "Mack" tent—Lucy & Michael; lucyandmichael.com. Page 76: rug, Moroccan—Nola Home; 612/374-4066. Woven floor pillow—IKEA; 800/434-4532; ikea.com. Quilted pillows—Pottery Barn; 800/922-5507; potterybarn.com. Sofa, "Gus Modern"—Walsh Design Group, Inside Design; 612/317-0045; walshdesigngroup.com. Coffee table, woven side table—vintage, discontinued. Page 78: striped rug, Dash & Albert—Nola Home (see previous). Elephant bins—Gigggle; 800/495-8577; gigggle.com. Mickey Mouse lunch box, Fischer Price train—vintage. Fire Engine—Plan Toys; 866/517-7526; plantoyusa.com. Front loader and back loader—Target; target.com (products vary by store). Mid-Century Danish teak table, Mid-Century Spinario chairs—personal belonging. Pendant shade, bubble pendant—Room & Board; 800/301-9720; roomandboard.com. Page 80: outdoor chaise—Frontgate Catalog; 800/436-2100; frontgate.com.



HOLDING COURT

Pages 109-114: landscape designer—William H. Ostrander, Greenwich Home and Garden, LLC, 22 Soundview Dr., Ste 100, Greenwich, CT 06830; 888/HG4U-203. Patio furniture—Restoration Hardware; 800/762-1005; restorationhardware.com. Pillows—Pottery Barn; potterybarn.com. Custom-made pillows—Amy Butler fabrics; amybutlerdesign.com. Rain chain, copper gutter raincatcher, birdhouse on post—Frontgate; 888/263-9850; frontgate.com. Shutter, window boxes, gate, fence contractor—Chris Wuest, White Birch Builders; 203/531-0300; whitebirchbuilders.com; email: cwuest@whitebirch.com.

EASY CONTAINER GARDENING

Page 117: Yucca filamentosa 'Color Guard'—Biltmore; 800/411-3812; biltmoreforyourhome.com. Teal container—Hendon's Des Moines Seed & Nursery Co.; 515/274-2586. Page 120: New Zealand Flax 'Duet'—Lowe's; lowes.com. Calibrachoa 'Callie Yellow'—Nature Hills Nursery; 402/934-8116; naturehills.com. Available at garden centers nationwide. Zinnia 'Profusion Fire' seeds—Burpee; 800/333-5808; burpee.com. Ball; ballhort.com. Evergreen container—Hobby Lobby; hobbylobby.com. Page 122: Tropicanna Canna 'Phasion'—Plant Delights; 919/772-4794; plantdelights.com. Willow Creek Gardens; 760/721-7079; willowcreekgardens.com. Geranium 'Mrs. Pollock'—Holt Geraniums;

holtgeraniums.com. Calibrachoa 'Scarlet'—Proven Winners; provenwinners.com/BHGMAY2010. Tesselar Plants; tesselar.com. Lime-green container—Campania International Inc.; campaniainternational.com.

ON OUR COVER and page 125: 'Meyersii' Asparagus fern—available at garden centers nationwide. 'Bordeaux' Supertunia, 'Sovereign Blue' Echeveria, 'Perle Von Nurnberg' Echeveria—Proven Winners (see previous). 'Lime Light' Plectranthus—Kartuz Greenhouses; 760/941-3613; kartuz.com.

THE WOOD SHED

Pages 126-131: glass cloche—Gardener's Supply; 888/833-1412; gardeners.com/bhg.

SOME LIKE IT HOT

Pages 134-138: Zinnia peruviana—The Jefferson Monticello; 800/243-1743; monticellocatalog.org. 'Raggey Anne,' 'Blue point,' 'Green Envy,' seeds—Renee's Garden; reneesgarden.com. 'Peppermint Stick,' 'Swizzle' seeds—Thompson & Morgan; 800/274-7333; tmseeds.com. 'Benary Giant'—Johnny's Selected Seeds; johnnyseeds.com. 'Profusion Orange' seeds—Park Seed Co.; 800/213-0076; parkseed.com. Variety of zinnia seeds—Honeyman Farms; 866/530-6385; zinniaseed.com. Burpee; 800/333-5808; burpee.com. Zinnia information—Benary; benary.com.

BEAUTY

Page 154: Estée Lauder Michael Kors Very Hollywood lip gloss—fine department stores; esteelauder.com. OPI nail color—mass market retailers nationwide; opi.com. MAC eye shadow—fine department stores. Sephora stores; maccosmetics.com. N.Y.C. New York Color's Blushable Crème Stick—mass market retailers nationwide; newyorkcolor.com. Nars tone powder blush—fine department stores; narscosmetics.com. Revlon ColorBurst Lipstick—mass market retailers nationwide; revlon.com. Mary Kay Crème Lipstick—available from Mary Kay consultants; marykay.com. Bobbi Brown Coral Pot Rouge—fine department stores; bobbirowncosmetics.com. BareMinerals Morning Blush—Sephora stores; bareminerals.com. Page 156: Physician's Formula Shimmer Strips Custom Eye Enhancing Gel Cream Liners—mass market retailers nationwide; physiciansformula.com. Temptu—Sephora stores; temptu.com. Luminess Air—available through hsn.com; luminessair.com. Moroccan Oil—specialty stores; moroccanoil.com. Kiehl's—Kiehl's retail stores; kiehl.com. Revlon Age Defying Spa Foundation—mass market retailers nationwide; revlon.com. Garnier Nutritioniste's Ultra-Lift Pro Deep Wrinkle Roller—mass market retailers nationwide; garnier.com.

Page 158: L'Oréal Sublime Bronze—mass market retailers nationwide; lorealparisusa.com. Laura Mercier Bronzing Gel—fine department stores. Sephora stores; lauramerier.com. St. Tropez Self Tan Bronzing Mousse—select salons; qvc.com, shop.stropeztan.com. Clinique Self-Sun Body Airbrush Spray—fine department stores. Sephora stores; clinique.com. Jergens Natural Glow Express Body Moisturizer—mass market retailers nationwide; jergens.com. Nivea Sun-Kissed Beautiful Legs—mass market retailers nationwide; niveausa.com. Caress Evenly Gorgeous Exfoliating Body Wash—mass market retailers nationwide; caressskin.com. Mystic Tan—mystictan.com for locations. Hollywood Tan—hollywoodtan.com for locations.

BREATHE EASY

Page 213-218: Chains indoor-outdoor rug, neutral—World Market; 877/967-5362; worldmarket.com (product varies by location). Chairs, slipper chairs, B084310ST—Better Homes & Gardens Furniture Collection; bhgfurniture.com. Hurricanes and Sooki pillows—Crate & Barrel; 800/967-6696; crateandbarrel.com (product line varies). Lack side table—IKEA; 800/434-4532; ikea.com.

I DID IT

Page 242: orange wall paint, KILZ (Mondragon)—Walmart (in stores only); walmart.com. Light orange wall paint (Indian Summer)—Ace Hardware; acehardware.com. Rug—IKEA; 800/434-4532; ikea.com. Shelves—Lowe's Home Improvement Stores; 800/445-6937; lowes.com. Paintings, Dan S. Robertson—Barkhaus; 617/283-3007; barkhaus.com. "Sacred Gems" faux chandelier (adapted and excluding fan)—Urban Outfitters; 800/282-2200; urbanoutfitters.com. Ru's eyelet dress, Marnaksh Collection, slip-on sneakers—Baby Gap; 800/427-7895; gap.com.