

Celosia

Also called cockscomb

(Celosia)

Striking flowers 2 to 12 inches in width; shaped like tall plumes or close, fanlike clusters. Plants are 1-1/2 to 2 feet tall. Mixed colors, some intense. Dwarf forms to 8 inches tall.

Soil and Light

Full sun. Cannot grow in partial shade. Tolerant of all soil types.

Planting

Start 6 to 8 weeks early indoors; sow outdoors after frost danger, or buy bedding plants.

Comments

Use dwarf varieties for edgings or borders; tall varieties for mass **plantings**. Flowers keep color after harvest; good in dried bouquets. Drought tolerant.