## Sensation Cosmos

***Cosmos 'Sensation'***



*Sensation Cosmos flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

**Description:**

A tall, upright and vigorous variety for the back of sunny borders; flowers emerge deep pink and lighten as they mature; fine, lacy foliage gives an airy touch to the garden; best in full sun; tolerates poor soil, heat and humidity

### Ornamental Features

Sensation Cosmos features showy pink daisy flowers with yellow eyes at the ends of the stems from early summer to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its ferny leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

### Landscape Attributes

Sensation Cosmos is an herbaceous annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Sensation Cosmos is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

### Planting & Growing

Sensation Cosmos will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Sensation Cosmos is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.