# Pink Princess Carnation

***Dianthus caryophyllus 'Pink Princess'***



*Pink Princess Carnation flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Plant Height: 15 inches

Flower Height: 20 inches

Spread: 10 inches

Spacing: 8 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

**Description:**

Semi-double, vivid pink carnations with fringed petal edges bloom consistently over a long season, especially in warmer climates; great for border fronts, containers, and floral arrangements

**Ornamental Features**

Pink Princess Carnation has masses of beautiful fragrant semi-double hot pink frilly flowers at the ends of the stems from late spring to early fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive narrow leaves remain bluish-green in color throughout the year.

**Landscape Attributes**

Pink Princess Carnation is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a mounded form. 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 is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Pink Princess Carnation is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

**Planting & Growing**

Pink Princess Carnation will grow to be about 15 inches tall at maturity extending to 20 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 10 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 8 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Pink Princess Carnation is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.