# Temptation Orange Dahlia

***Dahlia 'Temptation Orange'***



*Temptation Orange Dahlia flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8

Group/Class: Temptation Series

**Description:**

A wonderful heat tolerant variety, well suited for patio containers, borders and garden landscapes; featuring brilliant orange blooms, contrasting against deep and dark green foliage with black overtones; low maintenance, deadhead to encourage new growth



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**Ornamental Features**

Temptation Orange Dahlia features showy fully double orange daisy flowers at the ends of the stems from mid to late summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its serrated pointy leaves remain dark green in color with hints of black throughout the season.

**Landscape Attributes**

Temptation Orange Dahlia is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Temptation Orange Dahlia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

**Planting & Growing**

Temptation Orange Dahlia will grow to be about 16 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. The flower stalks can be weak and so it may require staking in exposed sites or excessively rich soils. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. 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.

Temptation Orange Dahlia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.