



Dianthus 'Pinball Wizard'

Just SO beautiful! Like vintage-style carnations but much easier to grow and much **more vigorous** with upright, less floppy stems!

Très romantique 2-3" super double light pink clove-scented blooms are heavily striped and flecked in bright cherry-pink – long lasting and delightful for **cut flowers**. To 12" x 12", bloom time begins in mid-Spring and will last until Fall if you snip back spent stems. Handsome blue-green foliage forms a dense, weed-suppressing mat. Enchanting combined with annual Lobelia erinus 'Fountain White' (online). Hardy and long-lived if grown on the edge of a bed in well-drained soil or container (3+ gal). Cut back to 4" tall in Fall. **Deer resistant!** Sun/Part sun (hotter areas). Avg./Low water. Perennial USDA zones 5a-9b. #4983 \$7.95 3+ \$7.50



Cotula lineariloba 'Big Yellow Moon'

Ultra-fun, amusing and easy to grow! Spreading quickly to create a low, dense matting groundcover to 6" tall and 2' across, you'll love the soft, tactile, miniature ferny texture and **large (1") prolific golden dome-like "button" flowers** held atop 4" upright wiry stems. Blooms like crazy **Spring thru Summer** and is superbly suited for trailing over the edge of a bed, over and around rocks or growing out of an old washing machine. Evergreen, but I think it's best to cut it back to 6-8" across to maintain that tight matting appearance next season. Best in rich, well-drained soil. Adorable cut flowers! **Deer resistant!** Sun (coast)/Part sun (hotter areas). Avg. (best)/Low water. Perennial USDA zones 7-10. #1907 \$7.95 3+ \$7.50



NEW!

Campanula poscharskyana 'Blue Waterfall'

This high-performance selection of C. poscharskyana just puts the original species to shame! Smothering itself on and off all season with charming 1" lavender-blue stars, it's a perfect and handy choice as a fast-growing groundcover in bright shade beds and for fronting shrubs. Mounding to 1' tall with trailing stems spreading to 30" across. Super EASY and long-lived. Best in rich, loamy soil. Cut back 6" in Fall. AM sun/Bright shade. Avg./Low water. Perennial USDA zones 4-10. #4652 \$7.95 3+ \$7.50



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LIVING ON THE EDGE

When planting your garden, it's a good idea to think about edging plants. Edgers and trailers deliver a prettier "finished" appearance to the edges of a garden bed. They can cover up less than attractive random rocks, tilting boards or just plain bare soil. Trailers spilling over the edge of a bed can also provide exciting colorful highlights or a solid monochrome foreground against which your colorful bloomers will "pop" more clearly into view. And if you don't have raised beds, plantings along the edge keep excess water from running out of your garden and onto the pathway – taking your compost or soil with it which, hey, is messy, right?

Now, for some folks the front edge of their garden bed may be the only area that has some **drainage** and "drainage" is very important. Drainage means that water sinks into the soil pretty quickly without pooling on the top. It also means that there are air pockets in your soil so that roots can get oxygen. Yes, roots need oxygen! It helps the roots absorb water and nutrients and also keeps the soil's important microorganisms healthy, so they can deliver nutrients to

the roots. What's more, roots want to be able to grow out into your soil without too much resistance – they don't want to be squeezed or hit a wall of hard clay. When most plants are stuffed into hard-pan clay they'll "fail to thrive" and look hungry and stunted. (If you live in an area where heavy clay is most common, do make sure to add some organic material like compost, planting mix – or gravel or lava rock, which creates nice air pockets, until your soil is only 1/2 heavy clay to start).

If you don't have perfectly drained soil and want to grow plants that need "well-drained" soil, the edge of a bed (especially a raised bed) is a swell place to plant them. Containers and slopes offer another solution if you're bummed about a mostly clay garden.

Many plants, as you'll read in this catalog, are happiest with good to excellent drainage. Dianthus are famous for requiring plenty of sun and well-drained soil. Since many garden Dianthus/Carnations originate from rocky-slope habitats they'll "fail to thrive" without these two requirements. So, they only thrive on the **edge** of a bed (or in a rock garden with very good drainage). On the bright side, they're right up front where you can easily enjoy their scent and where they're so handy for cut flowers!

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Sisyrrinchium hybrid 'Devon Skies'

Oh lordy, we are ever-so-impressed with this amazing hybrid! With flowers like our native "Blue Eyed Grass" but **LARGER**, this baby **bloomed Spring till end of Summer** and spread to at least 1' across. Only 6" tall, it's **EASY** and perfect for edging. Doesn't make seed, so it's non-invasive, but can be divided to share with friends. **Deer, heat, humidity and drought resistant!** Sun/Part sun. Avg./Low water. Perennial USDA zones 5-10. #2647 \$8.95 3+ \$8.50



Dianthus plumarius 'Rose de Mai'

A *wild and crazy bloomer*. Quickly spreading into a dense, blue-gray mat, 30" across, it bursts into an amazing Spring-time display. 100's of double soft pink, deliciously clove-scented 2" blooms continue for a month or two. Cut back to 5" after blooming and side-dress with compost for another round of bloom. Cut back again in Fall. Ideal for draping over the edge of a bed. Well-drained soil a must. Long lived! To 18" tall. Sun. Avg./Low water. Perennial USDA zones 3-11. #1420 \$7.95 3+ \$7.50



Helichrysum argyrophyllum 'Golden Guinea Everlasting'

Add a fantastic **contrast** highlight to your drier garden! Awesome for spilling over rocks, walls or for edging and containers, the small, glistening, almost metallic ever-silvery leaves and stems of this South African native construct a solid, trailing and **ground-hugging** mat. And even awesomer, from mid-Summer thru Fall it almost covers itself with showy little canary-yellow "strawflowers" that last for months and make fun dried flowers! Grow in poor, well-drained soil (no clay). **HEAT, FROST and DROUGHT TOLERANT!** **Deer resistant.** To 3" x 36". Sun. Low water. Perennial USDA zones (8?) 9-11. #3766 \$7.95 3+ \$7.50



Lysimachia nummularia 'Aurea' "Golden Pennywort"

Liquid gold for a dull, shady corner! Not invasive like the common green type, "Golden Pennywort" forms a low, dense, weed-suppressing mat 2" tall x 3' wide, filling in bare spots and weaving between plants. This is one groundcover that really does what it's supposed to do! Primo cascading over the edge of a bed, barrel, hanging basket or trailing into a pond. Half day sun (coast)/Shade. Avg. water/Moist. Perennial USDA zones 5-10. Available in March. #1523 \$7.95 3+ \$7.50