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# MUM & ASTER

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## In The Garden

Mums and Asters are easy to grow and great for adding color to bare spots in the garden. They are tough and can thrive on their own, just plant in full sun and avoid extremely hot sites. Pinch the tops back every few weeks until July if you want bushier plants with more flowers.

Liberty Mums and Asters are hardy so when you plant them in the garden they'll return next year. Be prepared because they come back big, reaching about thigh high. Deer pass them by, too, so Mums and Asters last a nice long time in borders and beds for fall.

## Mini Décor In 4IN

Our 4-inch Mini Décor selections are the ideal size for window boxes, combos, and planters, or anywhere you'd like to create your own seasonal display. Choose from a selection of Mums, Asters, and two types of Cabbage for an interesting mix of colors, shapes, and textures.

## Market Fresh Mums

At the farm one day and at the store the next—that's our Market Fresh Mums! They look their best and last a nice long time because they're delivered fresh from farm to store. Choose from solids or combinations in the classic dome-shaped habit with traditional tight pom pom style blooms. Market Fresh Mums are available in a range of small, medium, and large sizes. Plant them in the ground or fill a whiskey barrel on the porch!



Tricolor Mum—Three Autumn Shades In One Pot

### *Tricolor Mum*

For a special look this season our Tricolor Mum mixes three popular autumn shades in one pot. Choose from four different color combinations to make fall decorating a breeze. These beautiful Mums come in the 9IN pot size. They make eye-catching centerpieces, and the brilliant blooms add a splash of color alongside the standard pumpkins and hay bales.



Mini Décor Mums, Aster, and Cabbage

## Fall Project Ideas

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Take a look around and you'll be surprised by the inspiration you find for fall décor:

- a tall, slim matte-black urn
- your vintage Radio Flyer wagon
- assorted glass candle lanterns

Arrange colorful Décor Minis in a sleek black urn for an upscale, minimalist porch display. To create a classic fall-in-New England look go with Mums in a rustic wagon. Stay on trend by filling glass lanterns with mini pumpkins and gourds, then placing them alongside a beautiful Aster or Mum.

Get creative as Halloween approaches—hollow out a plump jack-o-lantern pumpkin and use it as a planter! Give your pumpkin planter a face and use Mums for a nice full head of hair and Cabbages for ears. Or spray paint an old pot black for a cauldron to hold a bubbling brew of colorful Mini Décor selections.

Plant a window box—the Mini Décor 4IN is just the right size to create a beautiful horizontal arrangement. Place a row of Mums and Asters down the back with a row of shorter Cabbages and Kale in front.

## Tricolor Sunbasket

Our Tricolor Mum is also available in a beautiful, lush hanging Sunbasket. Like our summer Sunbasket, this one starts with our special Liberty coco fiber soil. It retains water better and includes slow-release fertilizer, so you'll have to water less often and you won't have to feed the plant. Easy! Just hang it on your haunted front porch between the floating ghosts and flapping plastic bats.

## Aster For Blue And Purple

Although we ship it with Mums, and many people treat it like a Mum, Aster offers color choices that are rare in Mums: blue and purple. We sell Aster in two shades, blue and lavender, to complement the warm red, yellow, and orange tones of our Mums in your fall arrangements. Blue adds a fun, unexpected pop!

Aster's cool blue tones blend nicely with the pink/purple vibe we get from Cabbage and Kale in a combination, too. Like Mums, Aster can be set out in a pot for seasonal décor or planted in the ground to create beautiful garden displays. It likes full sun best but also thrives in partial shade, plus Aster is hardy so your arrangement will last a long time.



Aster—Cool Shades Of Blue And Purple