Kale: Frills&Thrills



Ruffled 'Glamour Red' Kale

'Glamour Red': A striking dark red eye is surrounded by crisp, open greens. Waxless quality of the leaves makes them shiny with intense, vivid colors.

'Pigeon Purple': Round head with wavy leaves. Outer leaves stay green while centers turn a deep magenta-purple.

'Red Bor': Curled purple-red leaves with silver tones darken in cold temps. Grows upright on strong stems.



Curled, dark, and upright 'Red Bor'

Cold Season Color

Beauty Without The Blooms

With lots of texture and unexpected color ornamental Cabbage and Kale beautify autumn arrangements and garden beds. These plants have plenty of cold tolerance for the crisp fall nights and they last a long time. We've seen them in beds and planters around New England in November and even December, still as colorful and showy as ever.



Ornamental Cabbage colors up in cold weather

Part of their beauty lies in the fact that we never have to wait around for blooms. Rich color is woven right into the unique leaves so it lasts the whole season without fading—and actually becomes more intense as the weather gets colder. Many of the head-forming varieties take the shape of a rosette, so truly the entire plant looks like one giant flower. This can lead to some very interesting inspiration for DIY combinations. Get creative arranging these posies of epic proportions!



'Osaka White' or a delicate (giant) tea rose?

Osaka Series Cabbage

Osaka Pink: Layers of leaves have wavy edges that make the tight, compact heads look like enormous roses.

Osaka Red: One of the prettiest ornamental Cabbages with shades of rose, magenta, burgundy, and dark green radiating out from the center.

Osaka White: A center of creamy white. Often used as a neutral for color blocking with one or both of the other Osaka varieties.



Beautiful Cabbage makes Mums pop!

Kale And Hardy For Fall

Cool autumn temperatures enhance the color of all our décor Cabbage and Kale varieties. This includes the fancy, frilly Kales like 'Red Glamour' that give the appearance of being very delicate. Frost and light snow do not harm the leaves, and the plants bounce back and grow some more whenever a bit of warmth is in the air—a great way to round out the season!

Bold Brassica For Arrangements

In addition to cold weather color, Ornamental Cabbage and Kale are great for adding interest to a design with their bold leaf shapes and unique textures. Try one in a winter combo or slip it into a ceramic pot to replace a waning Mum. Osaka selections can be used to create geometric patterns, alternating Pink, Red, and White varieties. Colorful fall Pansies make great companions.

To answer a frequently asked question, both Cabbage and Kale are members of the Brassica oleracea family. Cabbage forms heads and Kale forms upright leaves. While ornamental Cabbage typically develops large rosettes of broad, flat leaves, ornamental Kale usually develops curly, ruffled leaves in a tight rosette.



Aster surrounded by Cabbage rosettes