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chrysanthemum



Photos courtesy of Yoder Brothers, Inc.

'Hudson Bay'
Daisy form

BOTANICAL NAME

Dendranthema x grandiflorum
(den-DRAN-the-ma grand-i-FLOR-um)
syn. *Chrysanthemum x morifolium*
(kris-AN-the-mum mor-i-FOL-i-um)

COMMON NAMES

Chrysanthemum, Mum, Florist mum

DESCRIPTION

Potted chrysanthemums display composite heads of ray and disk flowers on the ends of leafy stems. The most common bloom forms for pot mums are anemone, daisy, decorative, spider and spoon-tipped.

COLORS

Mums are available in hues of yellow, white, purple, lavender, bronze, orange, red, green and bicolors.

DECORATIVE LIFE

Potted mums can last for three weeks or longer, depending on the variety and the care they receive. The flowers should be 25 percent to 50 percent open when they are sold; tighter flowers may not open when consumers get them home.

AVAILABILITY

Mums are available year-round.

varieties

Breeders introduce new varieties of this favorite blooming plant every year. The photos on this page are of new potted mums introduced by Yoder Brothers, Inc. this year.

in-store and consumer care

LIGHT Display mums in medium light, which is light that is comfortable for reading but not as bright as direct sunlight.

WATER Check mums daily to ensure that the potting medium remains moist to the touch. Underwatering can result in wilted leaves.

TEMPERATURE Maintain moderate temperatures (60 F to 70 F). Temperatures that are too high can shorten the flowering period.

HUMIDITY Mist the leaves occasionally.

GROOMING Remove yellow leaves and damaged buds daily.



'White Mistique' Fleurette
Daisy form



'Adelle' Fleurette
Daisy/spoon-tip form



'Sunny Mistique' Fleurette
Daisy form



'Orange Chatham', left; 'Dark Chatham', right
Decorative form **sfr**



'Encino'
Anemone/spoon-tip form



'Lake Placid'
Decorative form

Some information provided by:
Chain of Life Network®, www.chainoflifenetWORK.org
The House Plant Expert, by Dr. D.G. Hessayon
Society of American Florists' Flower
& Plant Care manual

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