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spray mum



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BOTANICAL NAMES

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

Spray mum, Spray chrysanthemum, Pompon

DESCRIPTION

Chrysanthemums display composite heads of ray and disk flowers in numerous forms and sizes. The stems of spray mums have

been pinched to produce multiple flowers. Spray mums' flower forms include button, cushion, daisy, duet, spider and exotic.

COLORS

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

VASE LIFE

Spray mums have a vase life of seven to 14 days, sometimes longer.

AVAILABILITY

Spray mums are available year-round.

'Miletta'—Button form



Photo courtesy of Yoder Brothers, Inc.

'Keen'—Daisy form



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'Green Beret'—Button form

varieties

Breeders introduce new varieties of spray mums every year. The photos on this page are of new spray mums recently introduced by Dekker Chrysanten B.V. and Yoder Brothers, Inc.

vase-life extenders

REFRIGERATION Store mums at 33 F to 35 F.

FLOWER PAIRINGS Certain microorganisms normally associated with carnations can reduce mums' vase life if the two flowers are stored in the same container.



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'Tiara'—Cushion form



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'Chenita'—Cushion form

fun facts

MEANING The common name "chrysanthemum" comes from the Greek words "chrysos," which means "gold," and "anthe-mon," which means "flower."

FAMILY Chrysanthemums are members of the Asteraceae (aster) family (a.k.a. the Compositae/daisy family). Relatives include Cosmos, Dahlias, Zinnias, Calendulas (pot marigolds) and Helichrysums (strawflowers).

ORIGINS The flowers are native to China. **sfr**



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'Excite'—Cushion form



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'Dion'—Spoon-tipped daisy form

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