

Botanical Name: Chrysanthemum x morifolium

Common Name: Florist's chrysanthemum

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character semi-evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape dense, upright plant with many fleshy stems; dark, coarse

foliage and large terminal daisy-like flowers in many sizes and colors

Height 2' - 4' Spread 2' - 4' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil prefers a rich, well-amended, well-drained soil

Hardiness hardy

Morphology:

Leaves pinnately lobed to toothed, thick, fleshy, aromatic, to

3" long; lower surface gray-pubescent

Flowers heads of various sizes, shapes, colors - red, yellow,

orange, pink, white, etc.

Fruit small achene

Propagation: stem cuttings, division

Usage: containers, gift plants, bedding plants, flower borders,

mixed in perennial gardens - good in any color scheme desired

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular watering - fairly heavy watering in

containers

Fertilizing balanced, half-strength monthly until buds show color -

resume following spring

Pruning pinch frequently to encourage bushiness and compactness -

axillary buds can be removed to increase terminal flower size

Pests/Diseases aphids, spider mites

Special Conditions gift plants should be sheared back, planted in sun - will

bloom the following fall

Origin: China Family: Compositae