



# DAHLIAS 2025

*Ednie Flower Bulbs*





Dear Dahlia Grower:

We proudly present our new Dahlia catalog for the 2024-2025 season. There are many new variety introductions, which are marked with the word "New" by the pictures.

We have also added a Dahlia Color Pallet layout, showing all the sizes and colors. We feel this is a good way to look at all the colors, sized and types on one page per color. Please Note, since these all had to be picked on one day to be able to do this it is quite hard to get perfect flowers of all the varieties on the same day, for the more exact color please see the individual varieties.

While we have added many new varieties we have also taken several out. Unfortunately, these varieties cannot make it through the washing process and or our other quality checks so they have to be removed. Please let us know if you need advice on alternatives.

Many of the varieties we offer are exclusive varieties and these are marked with our "exclusive" symbol next to the name. We suggest that you place your orders early for the best selection as some have limited availability.

We wish you a successful dahlia growing season!

### Ednie Flower Bulbs



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= exclusive variety



= cut flower



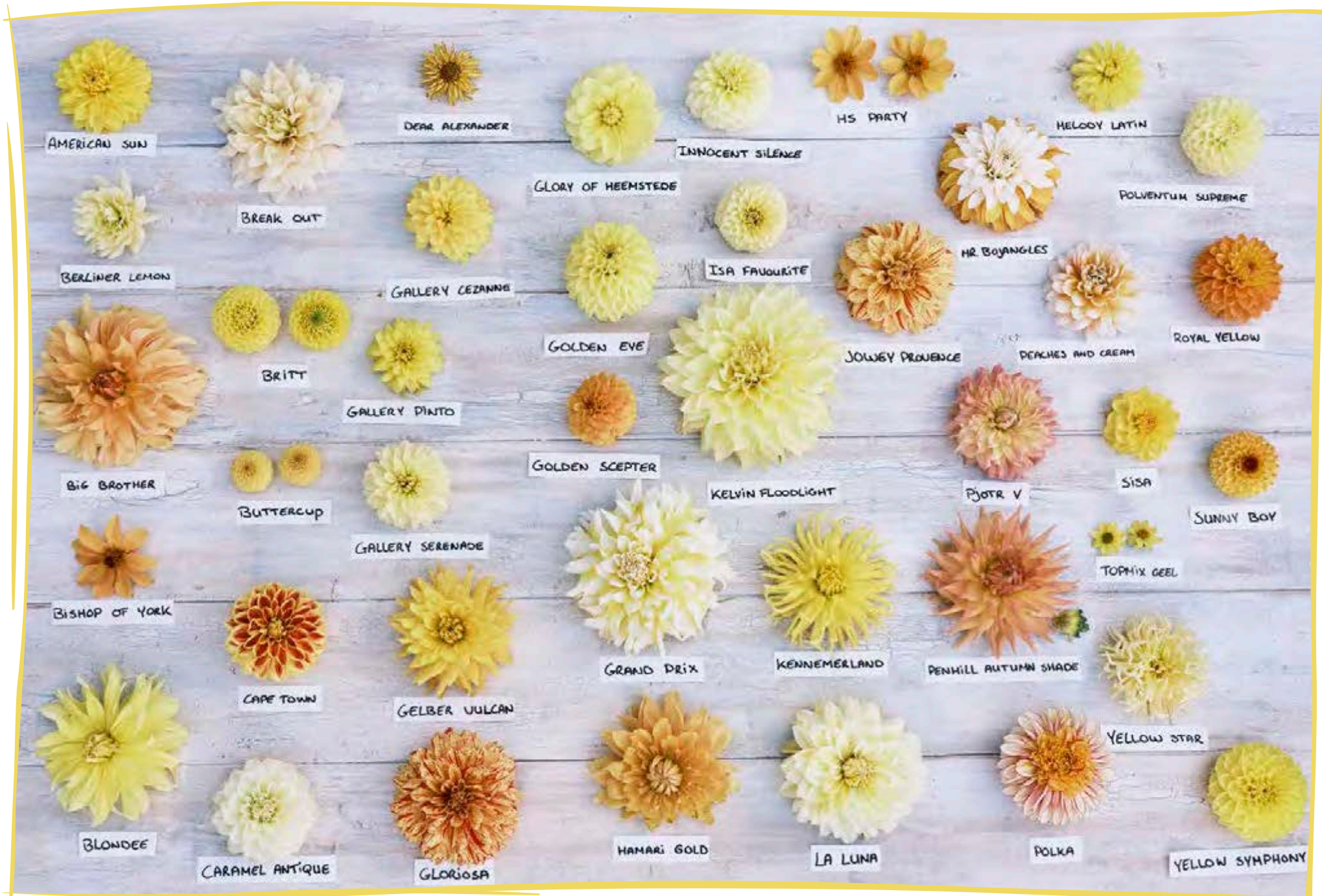


WHITE



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YELLOW



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LIGHT PINK



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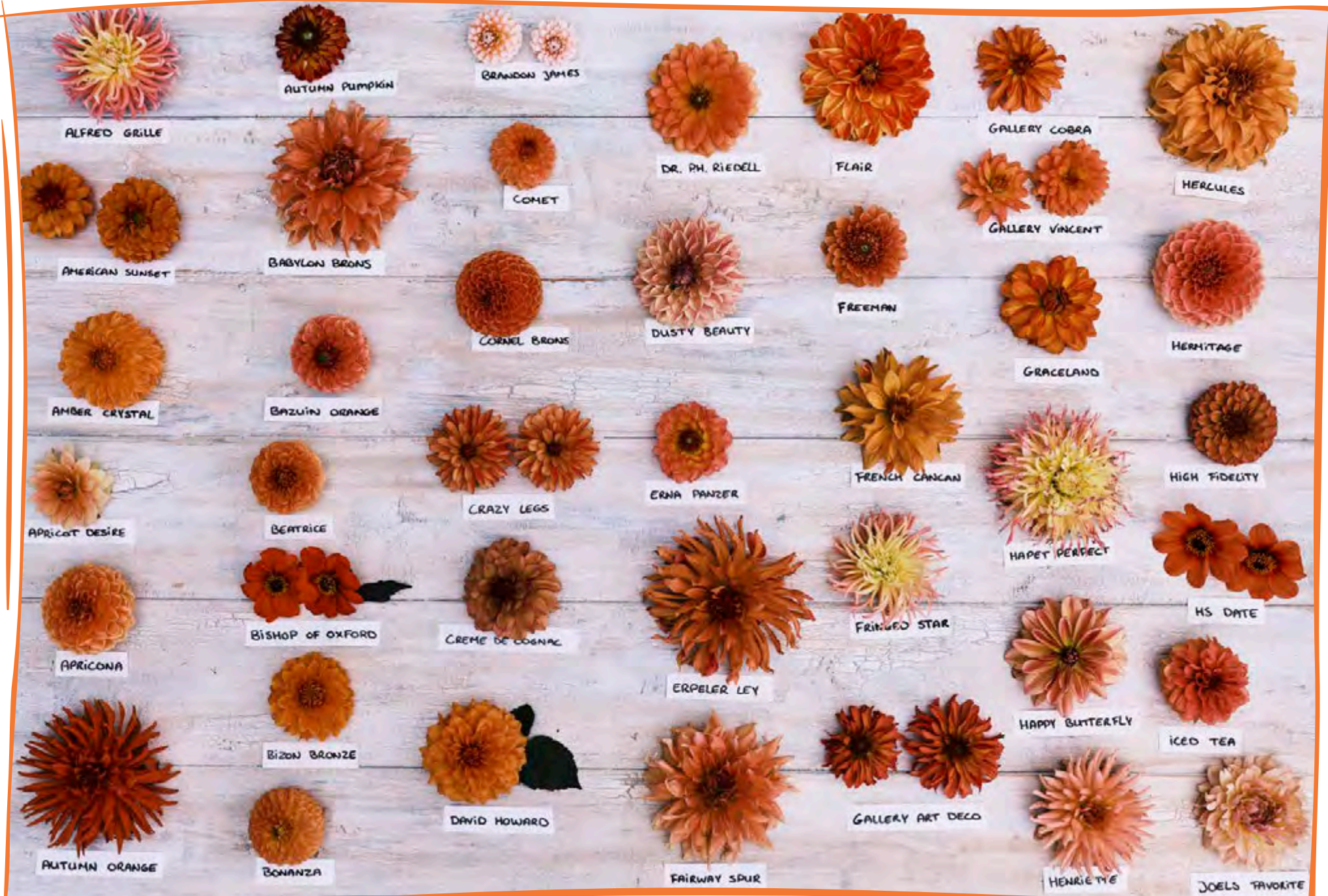
LILAC



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# ORANGE



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SALMON



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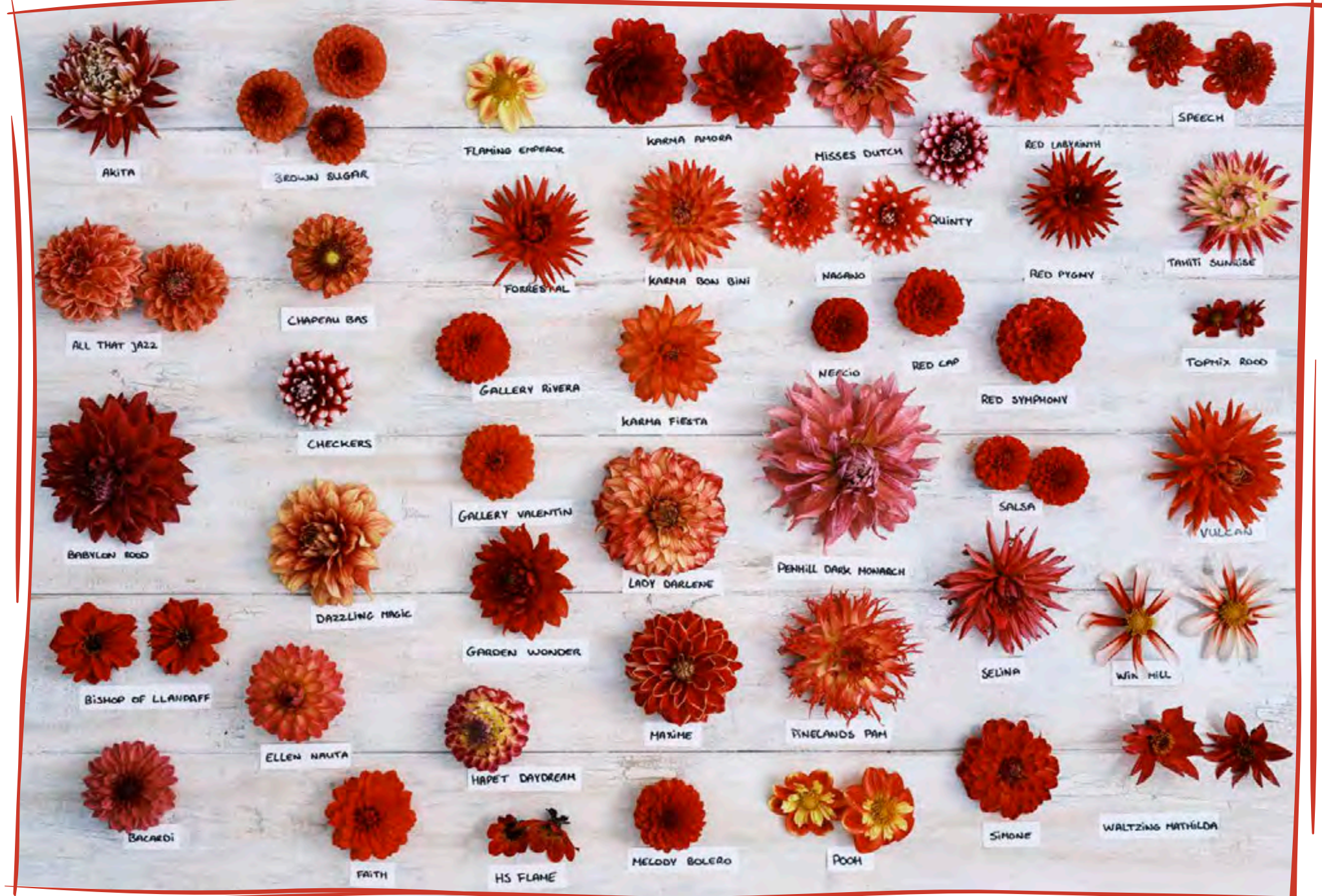
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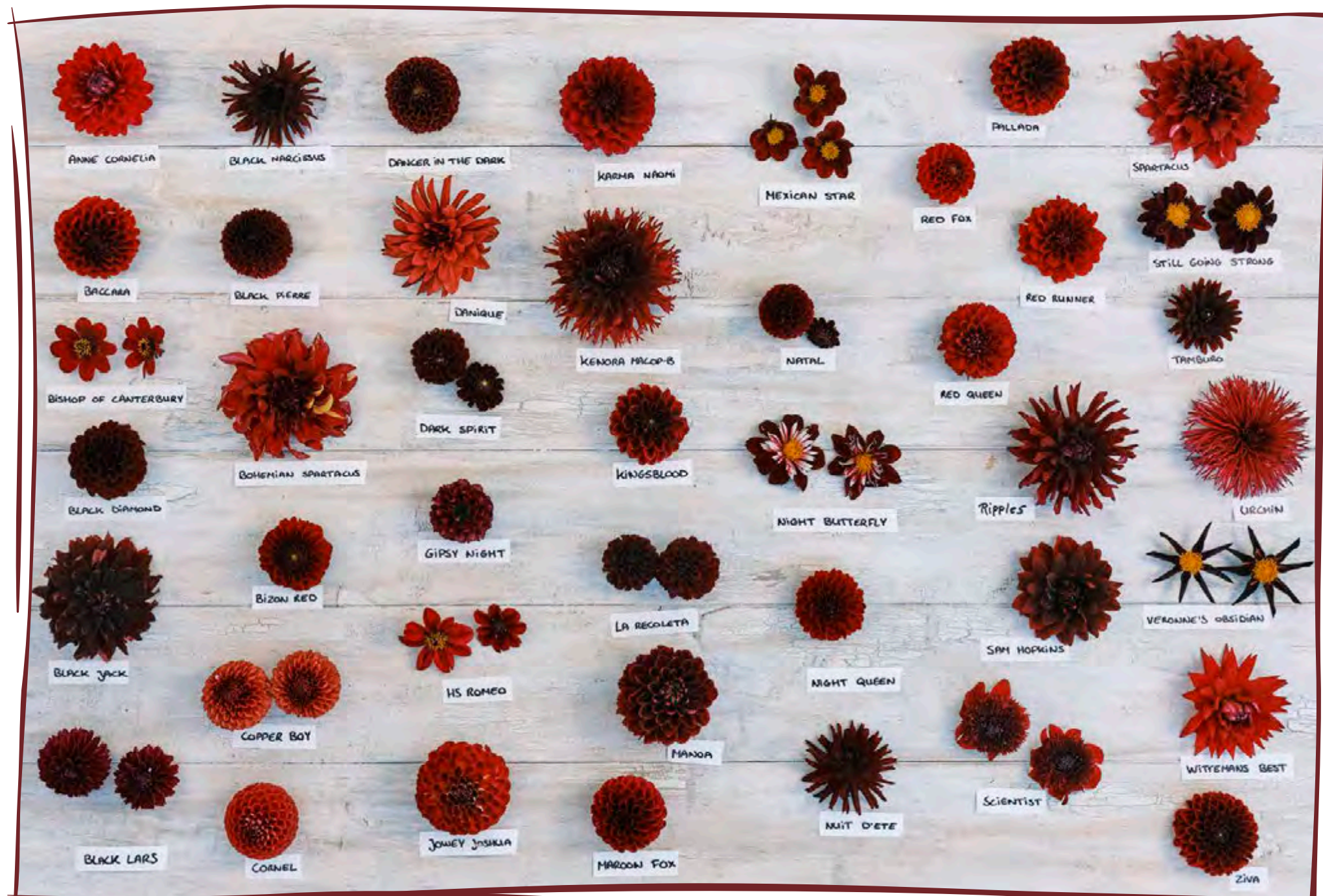


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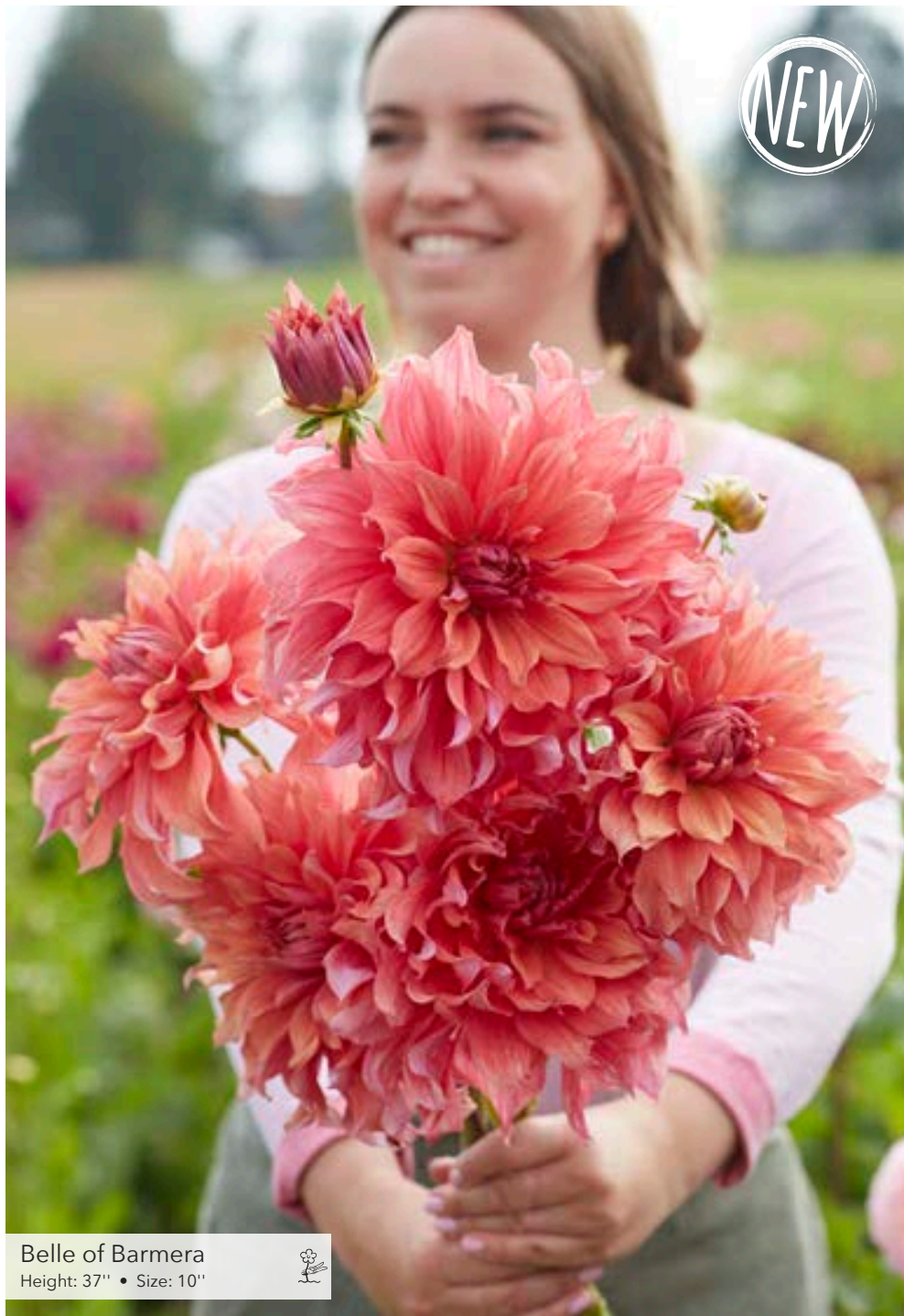
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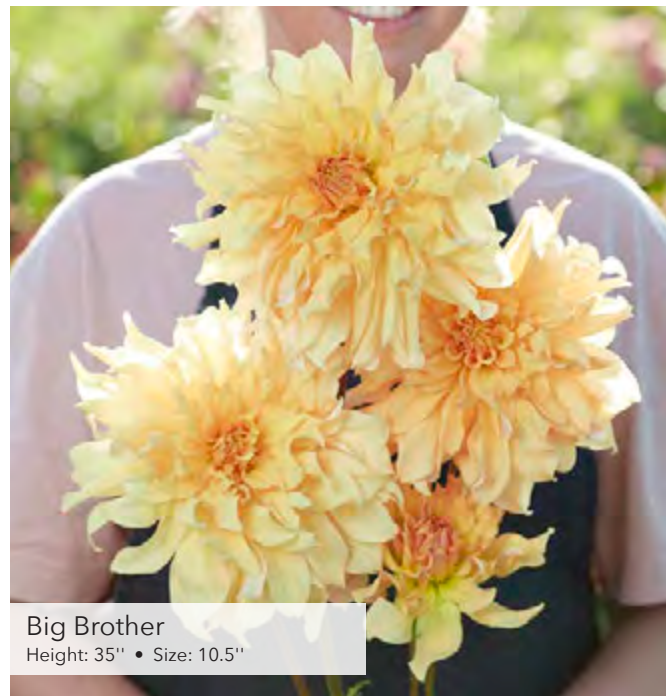


**GIANT FLOWERED  
DECORATIVE**



**Belle of Barmera**  
Height: 37" • Size: 10"

NEW



**Big Brother**  
Height: 35" • Size: 10.5"



**Bohemian Spartacus**  
Height: 40" • Size: 10"



**Café au Lait**  
Height: 40" • Size: 10.5"



**Café au Lait Royal**  
Height: 43" • Size: 10"



**Café au Lait Rosé**  
Height: 43" • Size: 10"



**Café au Lait Twist®**  
Height: 40" • Size: 10"



**Café au Lait Suprême®**  
Height: 40" • Size: 10"

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Emory Paul  
Height: 43" • Size: 10.5"



Fleurel  
Height: 35" • Size: 10"



Gitt's Perfection  
Height: 35" • Size: 10"



Iceberg  
Height: 40" • Size: 10"



Ice Breaker  
Height: 40" • Size: 10"



Fairway Spur  
Height: 43" • Size: 10"



Hamari Gold  
Height: 40" • Size: 10"



Hapet Blue Eyes  
Height: 40" • Size: 10"



Kelvin Floodlight  
Height: 35" • Size: 10"





Lavender Perfection  
Height: 43" • Size: 10"



Mango Madness  
Height: 35" • Size: 10"



Mingus Alex  
Height: 40" • Size: 10"



Otto's Thrill  
Height: 40" • Size: 10"



Penhill Dark Monarch  
Height: 43" • Size: 10"



White Perfection  
Height: 47" • Size: 10"

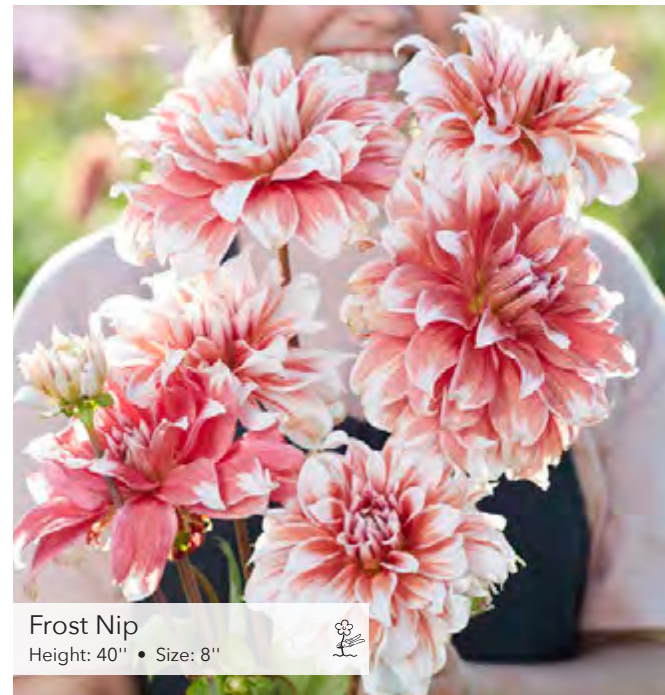


Penhill Watermelon  
Height: 43" • Size: 10"





LARGE FLOWERED  
DECORATIVE







Islander  
Height: 32" • Size: 8.5"



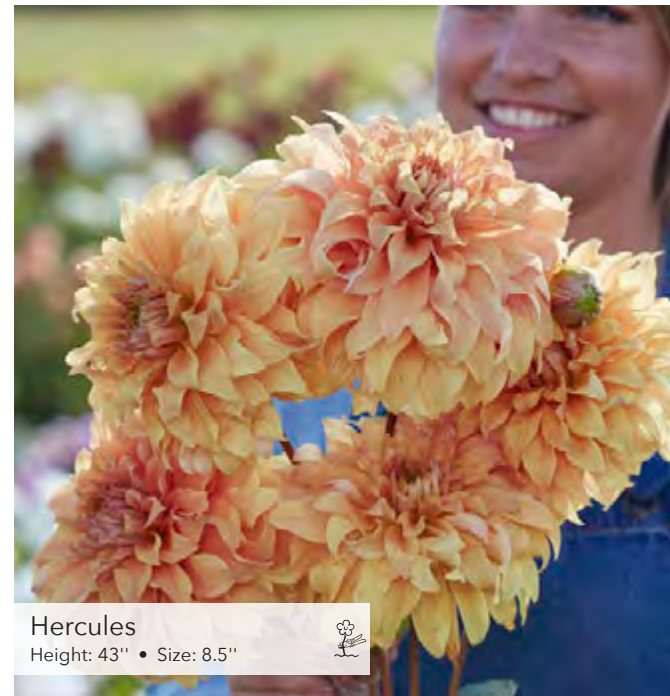
Large Flowered Decorative



Ferncliff Illusion  
Height: 51" • Size: 8.5"



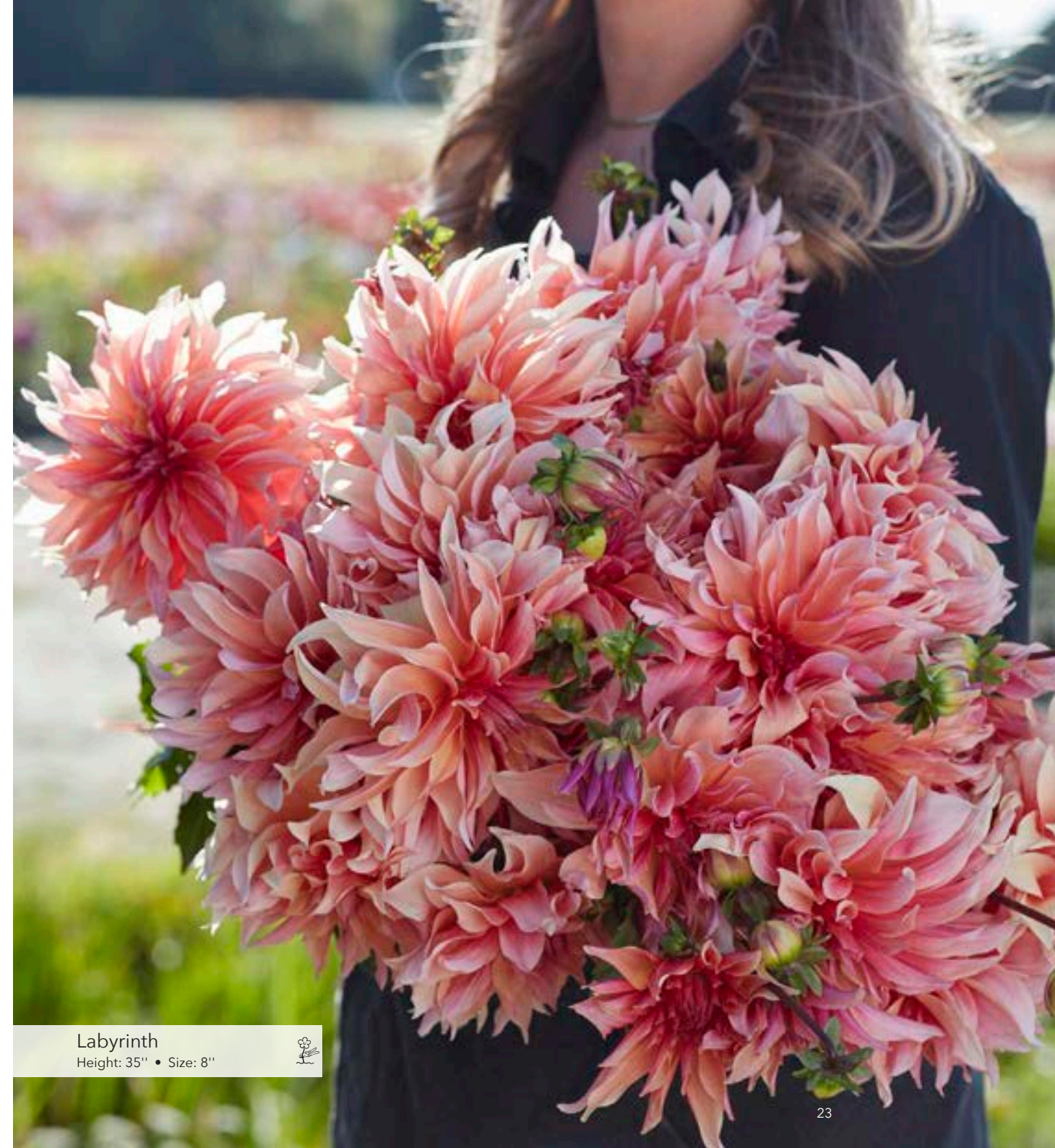
Gitt's Crazy  
Height: 40" • Size: 6"



Hercules  
Height: 43" • Size: 8.5"



La Luna  
Height: 43" • Size: 10"



Labyrinth  
Height: 35" • Size: 8"



Labyrinth Twotone  
Height: 35" • Size: 8"



Red Labyrinth  
Height: 40" • Size: 8"



Large Flowered Decorative





Thomas A. Edison  
Height: 40" • Size: 8"



Large Flowered Decorative



Lilac Time  
Height: 40" • Size: 8"



Mikayla Miranda  
Height: 40" • Size: 8"



Snowbound  
Height: 35" • Size: 8"



Vassio Meggos  
Height: 35" • Size: 8"



Yarra Falls  
Height: 35" • Size: 8"



Radegast  
Height: 40" • Size: 8.5"



Spartacus  
Height: 35" • Size: 8.5"



Large Flowered Decorative



MEDIUM FLOWERED  
DECORATIVE



Admiral Rawlings  
Height: 47" • Size: 5.5"



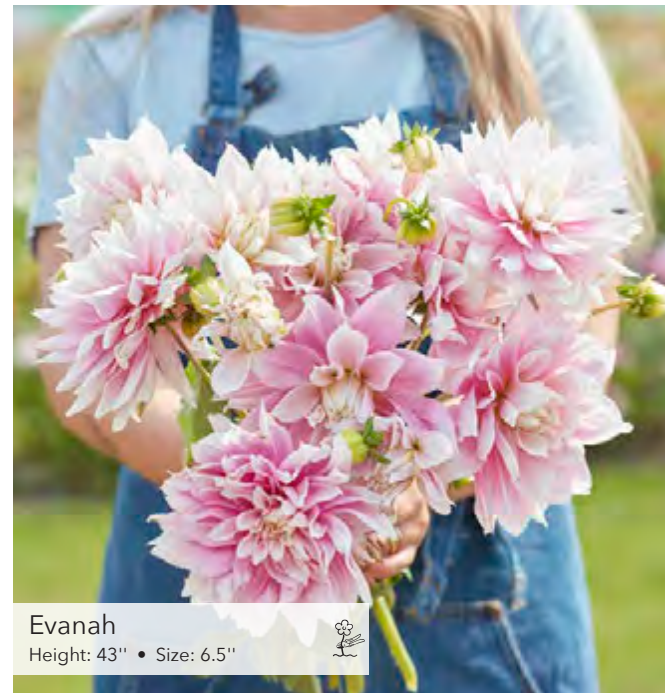
Cape Town  
Height: 43" • Size: 5.5"



Dazzling Magic  
Height: 35" • Size: 6"



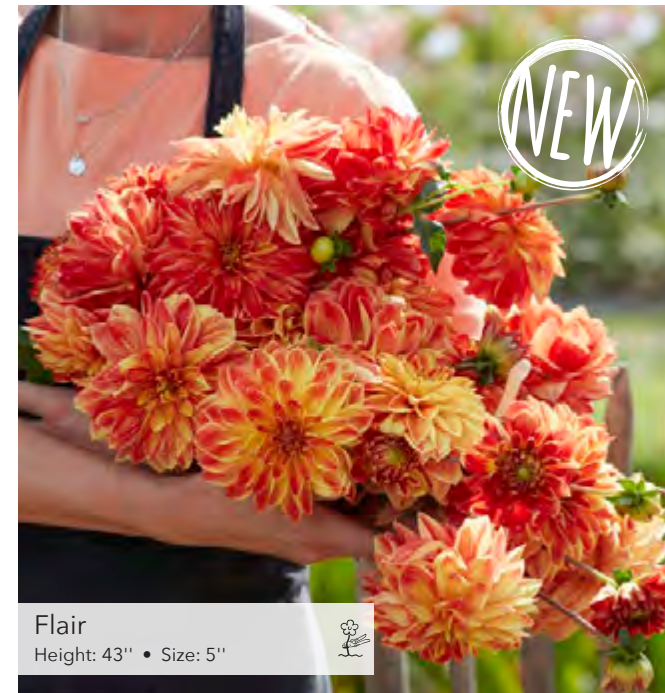
Dr. P.H. Riedell  
Height: 43" • Size: 6"



Evanah  
Height: 43" • Size: 6.5"



Engelhardt's Matador  
Height: 35" • Size: 6"



Flair  
Height: 43" • Size: 5"



Erpeler Ley  
Height: 40" • Size: 6.5"



Le Baron  
Height: 40" • Size: 6"





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Renate Tozio  
Height: 47" • Size: 6.5"

Medium Flowered Decorative



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Louis Walcher  
Height: 40" • Size: 7"



White Swan  
Height: 40" • Size: 6.5"

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Patches  
Height: 40" • Size: 6"

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Anne Cornelia  
Height: 40" • Size: 6"



After Dusk  
Height: 40" • Size: 5.5"

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All That Jazz  
Height: 40" • Size: 5.5"



American Sun  
Height: 32" • Size: 4.5"

Small Flowered Decorative





Bacardi  
Height: 35" • Size: 5"

Small Flowered Decorative



Arbatax  
Height: 40" • Size: 4"

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Arabian Night  
Height: 40" • Size: 4.5"

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Bizon Bronze  
Height: 40" • Size: 4.5"

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Bizon Red  
Height: 43" • Size: 4.5"

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Baccara  
Height: 40" • Size: 5.5"



Bahia Blanca  
Height: 40" • Size: 3.5"



Bocherell  
Height: 35" • Size: 4.5"



Blue Bell  
Height: 32" • Size: 4.5"



Caramel Antique  
Height: 40" • Size: 4.5"

Small Flowered Decorative





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Chicago  
Height: 40" • Size: 4.5"

Small Flowered Decorative



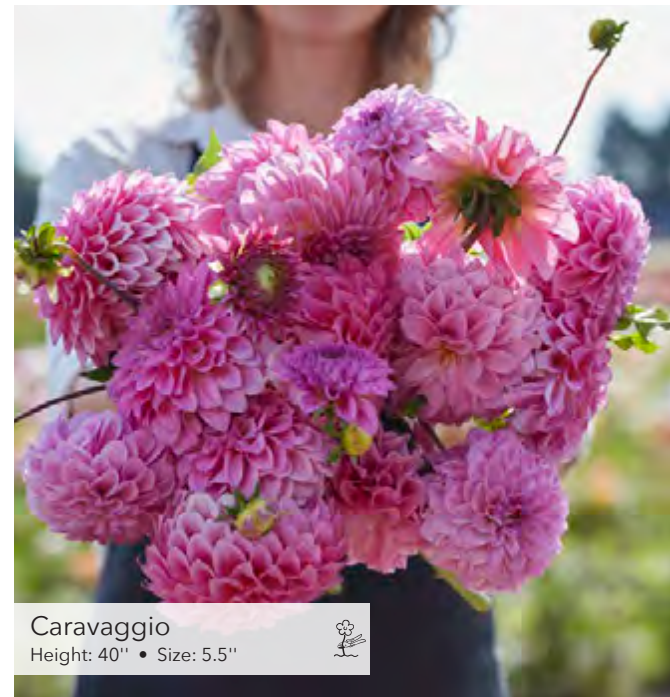
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Candy Time  
Height: 43" • Size: 4"



Crème de Cassis  
Height: 43" • Size: 3.5"

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Caravaggio  
Height: 40" • Size: 5.5"



Crème de Cognac  
Height: 43" • Size: 4"

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Crazy Legs  
Height: 40" • Size: 4"



Daisy Duke  
Height: 40" • Size: 3"

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Dusty Beauty  
Height: 32" • Size: 5"

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Small Flowered Decorative





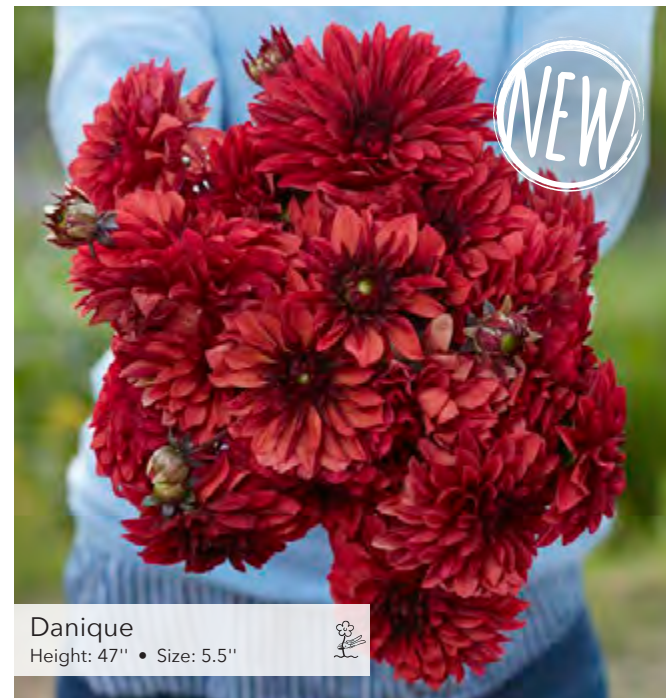
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Dutch Pearl  
Height: 43" • Size: 5"

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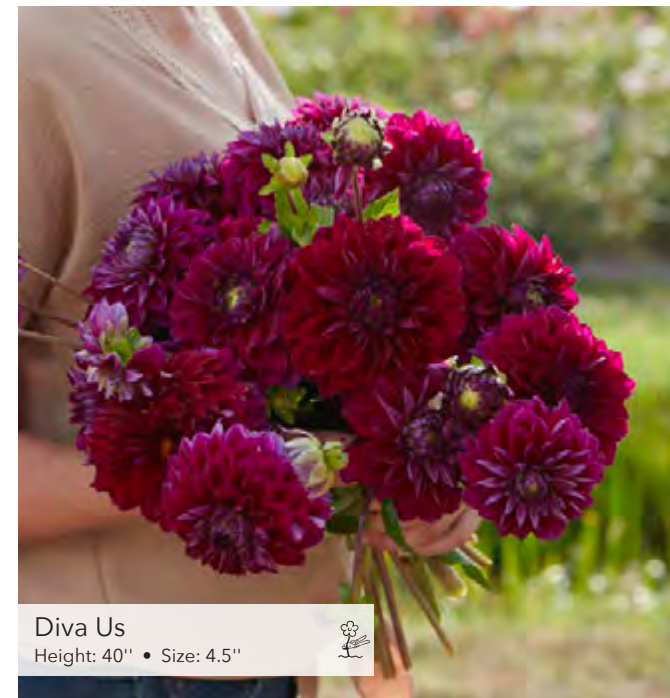
NEW

Danique  
Height: 47" • Size: 5.5"



Dark Destiny  
Height: 40" • Size: 5.5"

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Diva Us  
Height: 40" • Size: 4.5"



David Howard  
Height: 40" • Size: 4"

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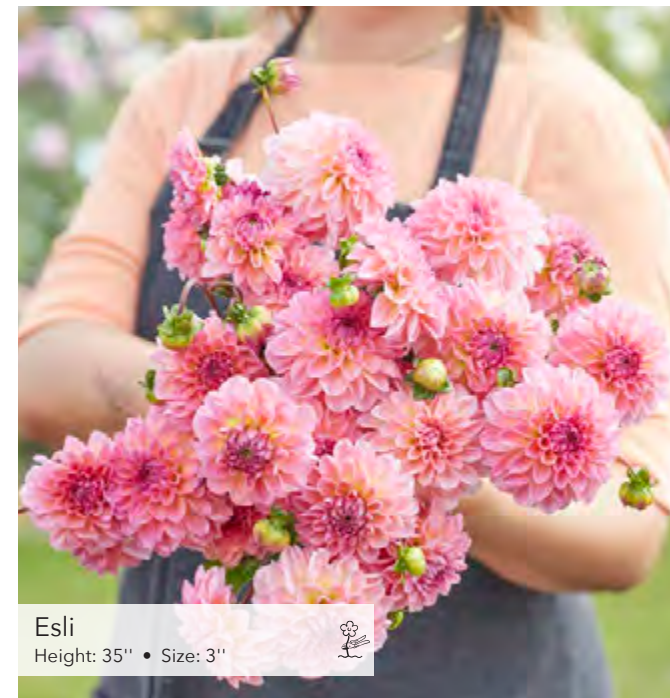


Dutch Delight  
Height: 40" • Size: 4.5"



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Ellen Nauta  
Height: 40" • Size: 4.5"

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Esli  
Height: 35" • Size: 3"



Feline Yvonne  
Height: 40" • Size: 5"

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Erna Panzer  
Height: 32" • Size: 4.5"

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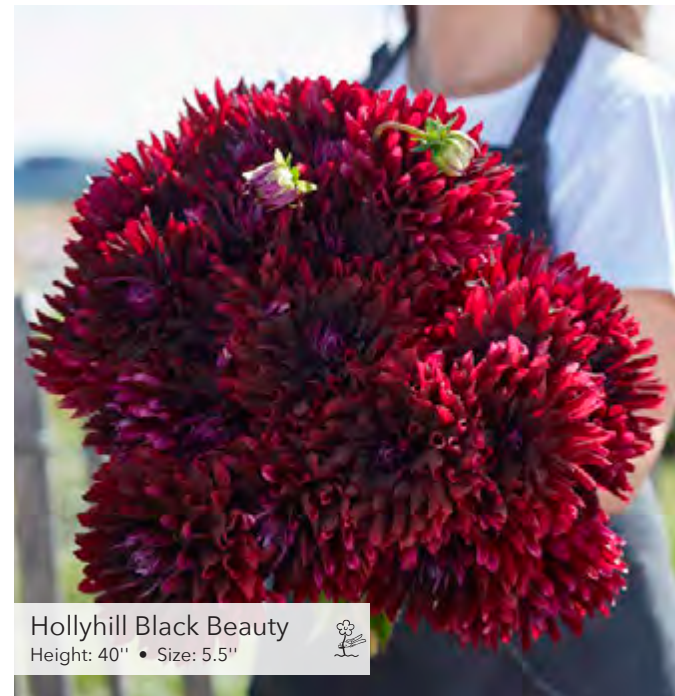
Freeman  
Height: 40" • Size: 4.5"



French Cancan  
Height: 40" • Size: 4.5"



Hemisphere  
Height: 40" • Size: 5.5"



Hollyhill Black Beauty  
Height: 40" • Size: 5.5"



Innocent Silence  
Height: 40" • Size: 4"



Gitt's Attention  
Height: 40" • Size: 5"



Hapet Daydream  
Height: 40" • Size: 5"



Justyna  
Height: 40" • Size: 4.5"



Karma Amora®  
Height: 35" • Size: 6"



Karma Naomi®  
Height: 47" • Size: 5.5"





Kick Off  
Height: 43" • Size: 4"



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Karma Prospero®  
Height: 35" • Size: 6"



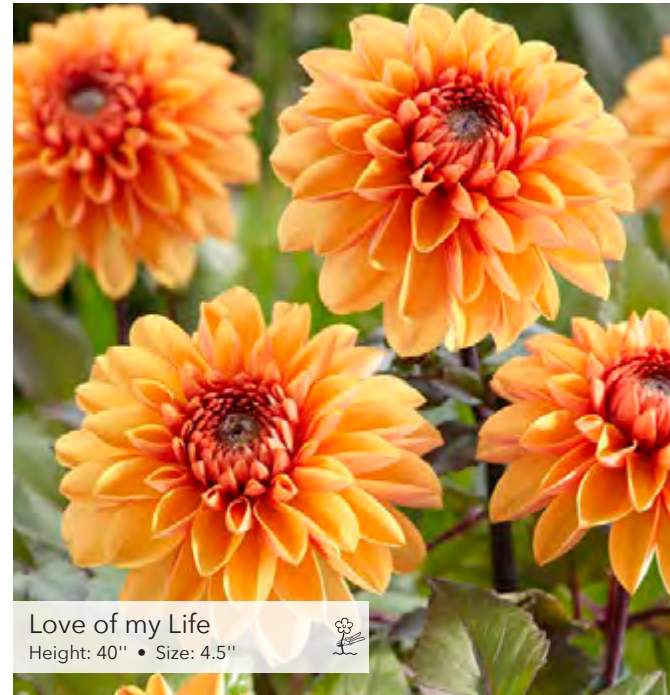
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King Arthur  
Height: 40" • Size: 4"



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Love of my Life  
Height: 40" • Size: 4.5"



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La Belle Epoque  
Height: 43" • Size: 5.5"



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Manoa  
Height: 32" • Size: 4"



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Melchior  
Height: 40" • Size: 4.5"



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Miss Brandy  
Height: 40" • Size: 5.5"



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Molly Raven  
Height: 40" • Size: 5.5"



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Mondriaan  
Height: 35" • Size: 4.5"



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Missis Miley  
Height: 32" • Size: 5.5"



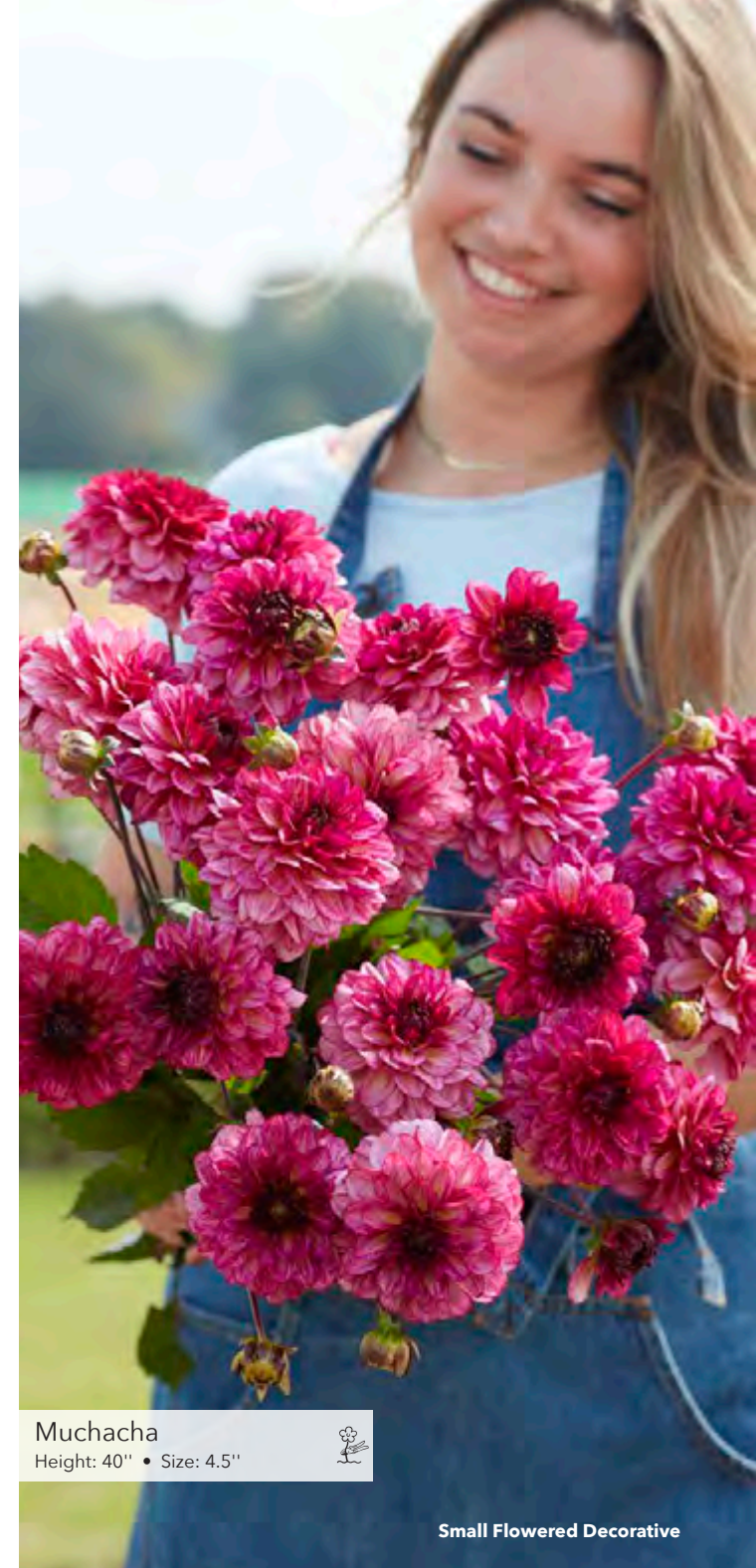
Mister Blue  
Height: 40" • Size: 4.5"



Myrthe  
Height: 40" • Size: 4.5"



Nashville  
Height: 40" • Size: 4.5"



Muchacha  
Height: 40" • Size: 4.5"



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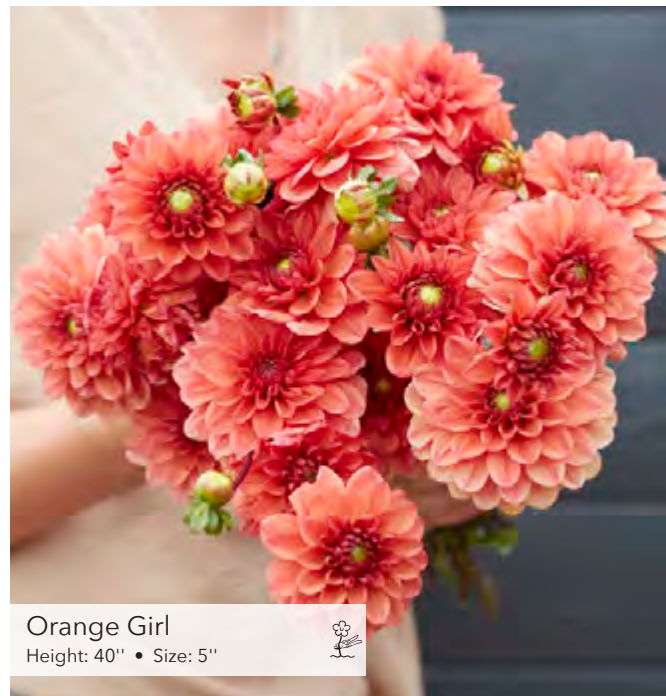
Orange & Snow  
Height: 40" • Size: 5"

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Orange King  
Height: 40" • Size: 4.5"



Orange Girl  
Height: 40" • Size: 5"

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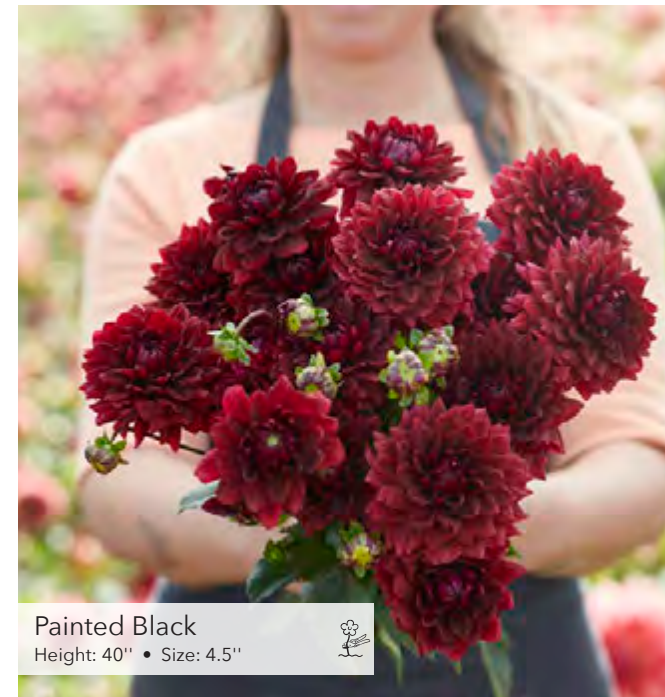
Orange Pekoe  
Height: 40" • Size: 5"



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Pink Silk  
Height: 35" • Size: 4.5"

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Painted Black  
Height: 40" • Size: 4.5"



R Mona  
Height: 40" • Size: 5.5"



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Peaches  
Height: 40" • Size: 4.5"

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**Pink Runner**  
Height: 35" • Size: 4.5"



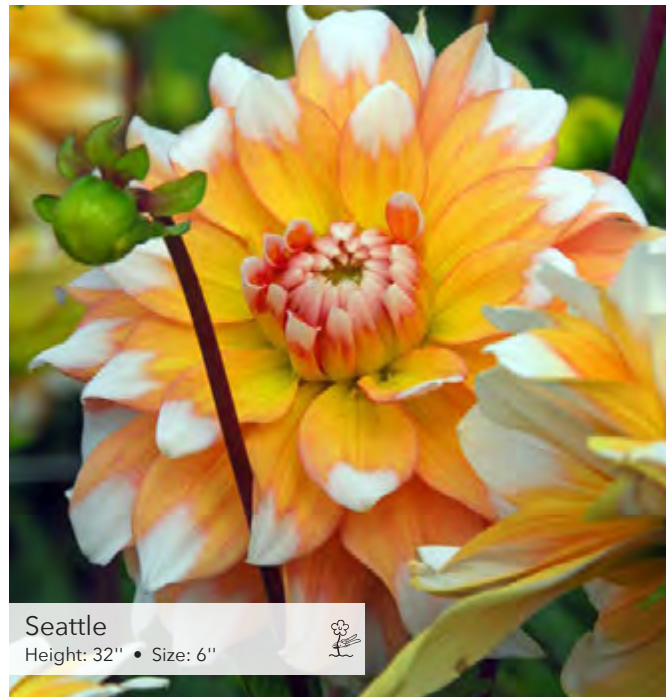
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**Rebecca's World**  
Height: 35" • Size: 4.5"



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**Seattle**  
Height: 32" • Size: 6"



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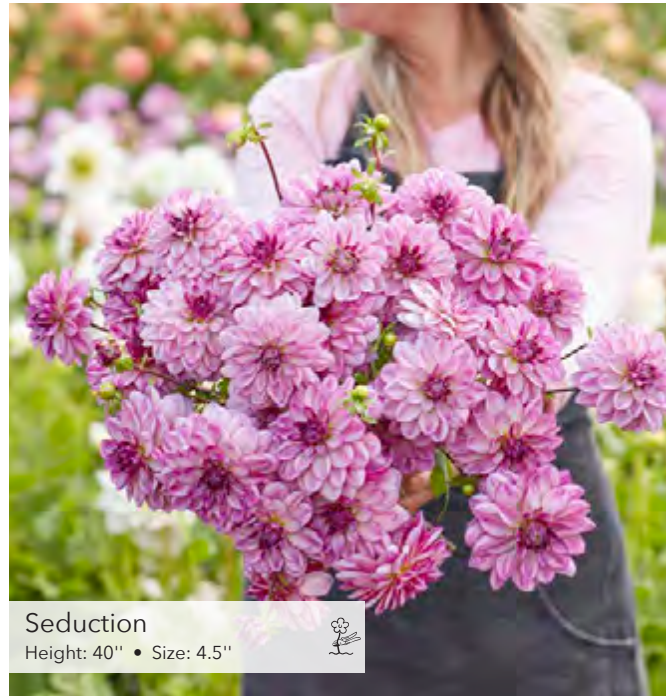
**Sebastian**  
Height: 40" • Size: 3.5"



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**Red Runner**  
Height: 35" • Size: 4.5"



**Seduction**  
Height: 40" • Size: 4.5"



**Seniors Hope**  
Height: 27.5" • Size: 4.5"



**Salmon Runner**  
Height: 35" • Size: 4.5"



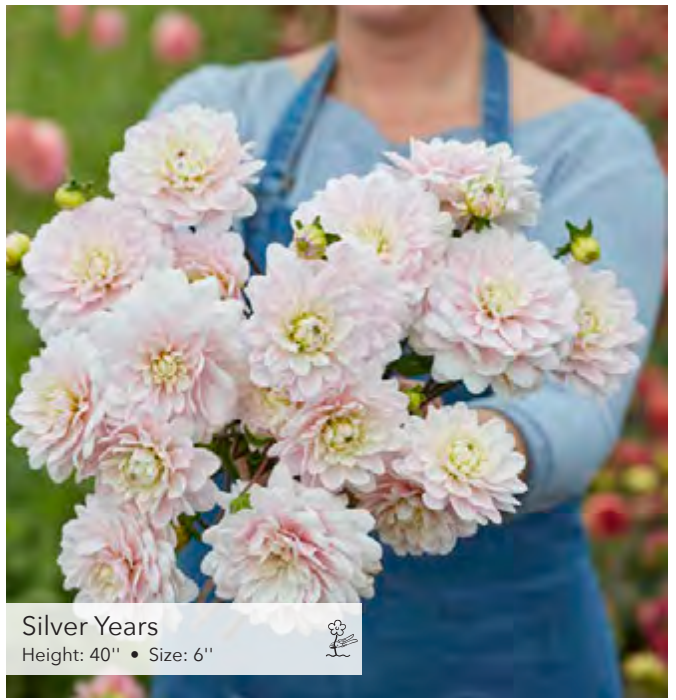




Strawberry Cream  
Height: 35" • Size: 3.5"



Small Flowered Decorative



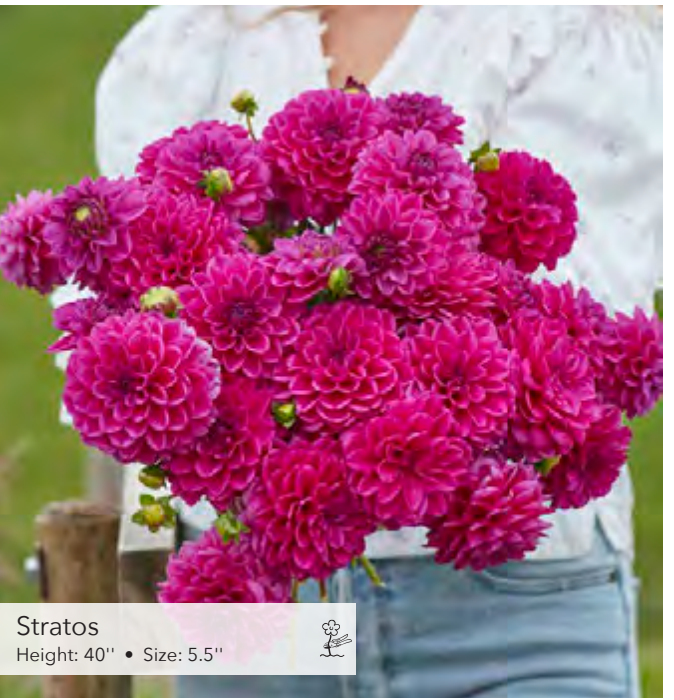
Silver Years  
Height: 40" • Size: 6"



Sweet Love  
Height: 40" • Size: 4"



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Stratos  
Height: 40" • Size: 5.5"



Sweet Sanne  
Height: 40" • Size: 5"



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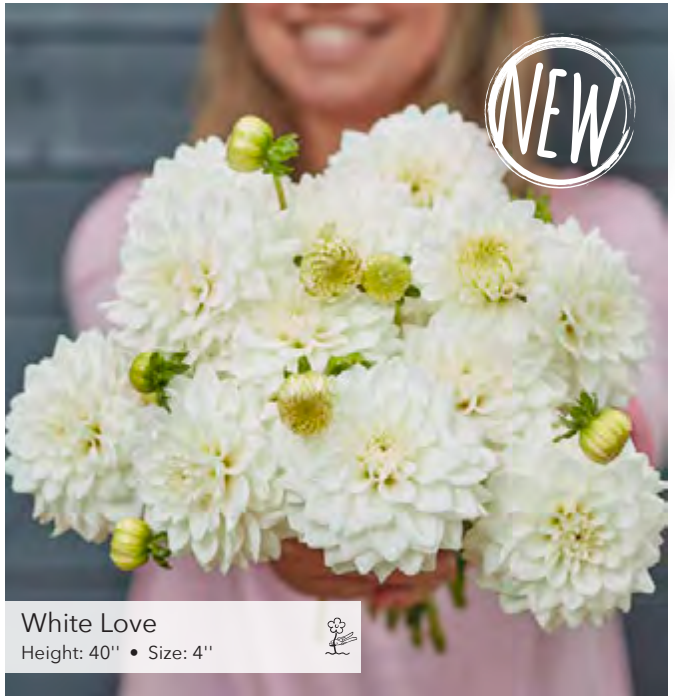
Sweet Lucille  
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Tangerine Dream  
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White Love  
Height: 40" • Size: 4"



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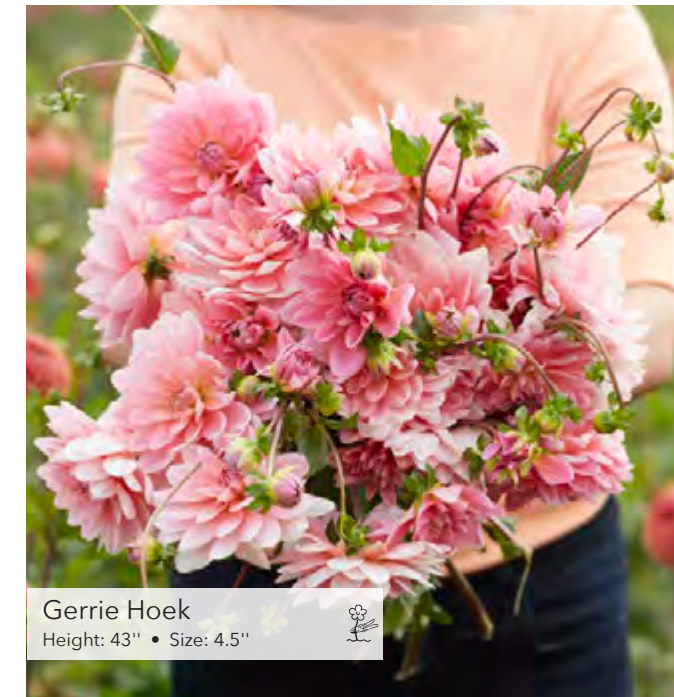
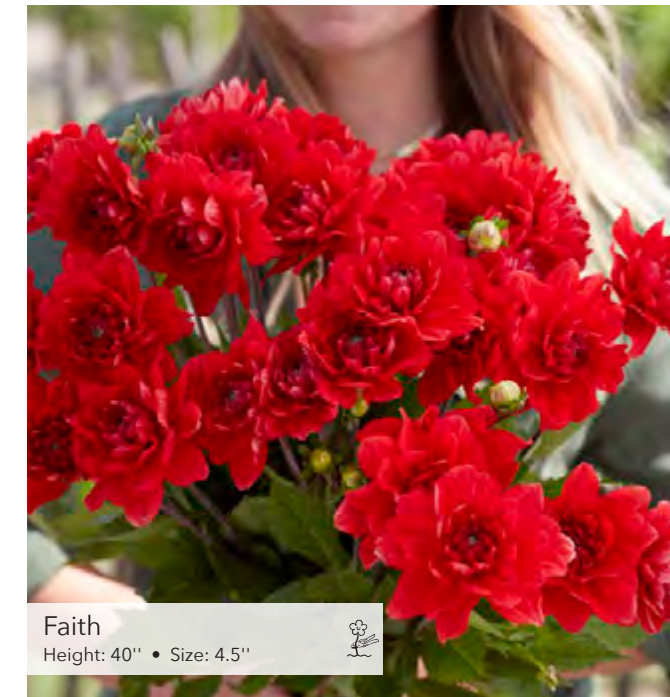
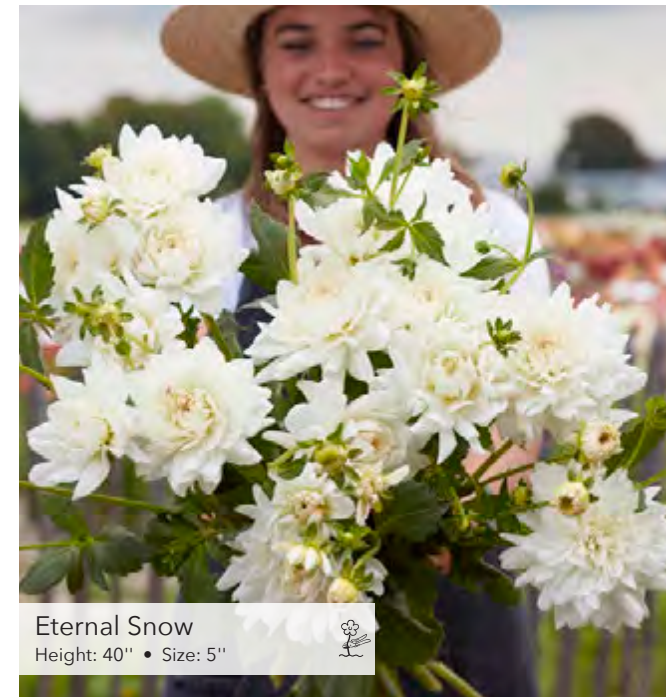
Sweet Nathalie  
Height: 35" • Size: 5"



Small Flowered Decorative



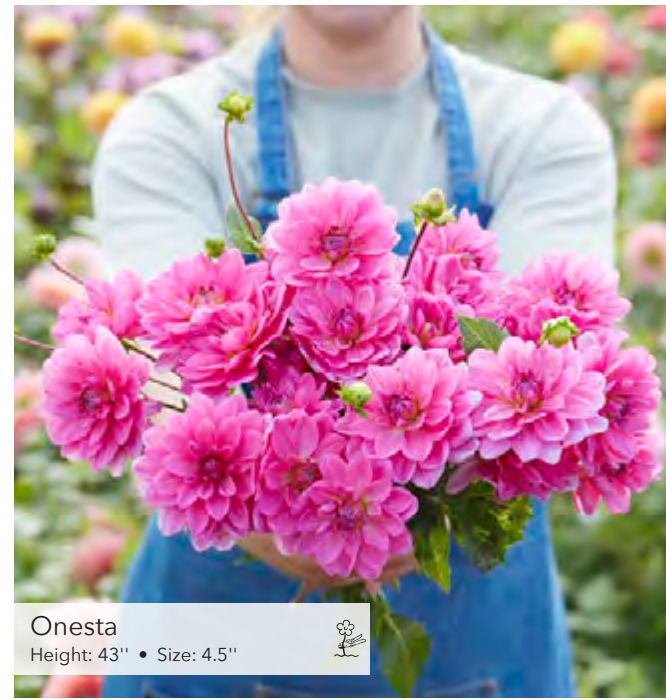
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Nagano  
Height: 40" • Size: 4"



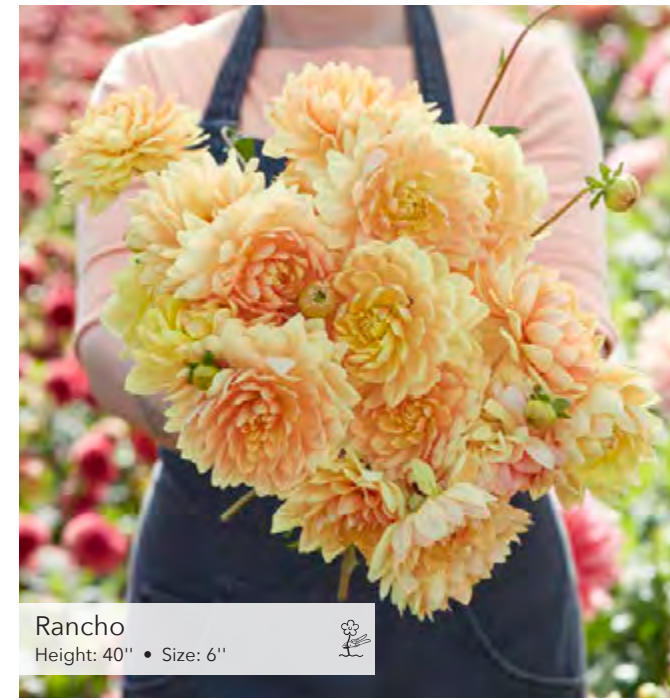
Onesta  
Height: 43" • Size: 4.5"



Peace Pact  
Height: 43" • Size: 5.5"



Pink Perception  
Height: 40" • Size: 4"



Rancho  
Height: 40" • Size: 6"



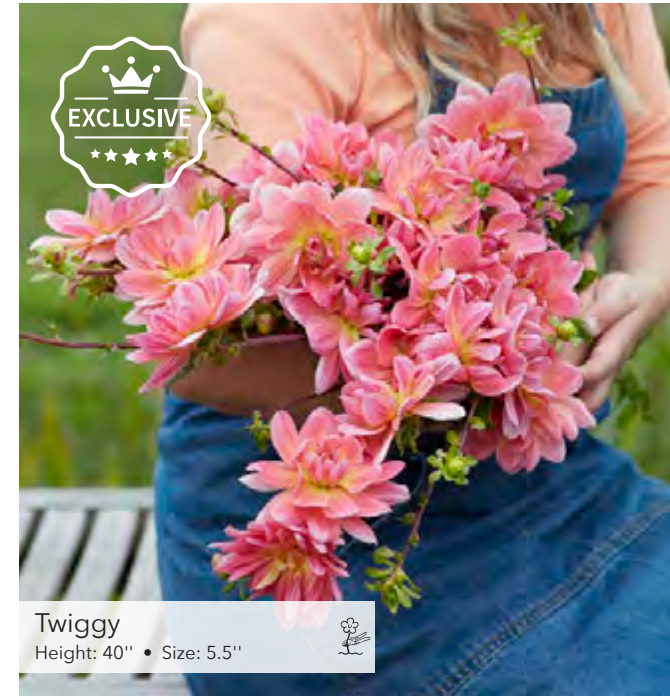
Orange Perception  
Height: 40" • Size: 4"



Sam Hopkins  
Height: 40" • Size: 5"



Striped Nagano  
Height: 40" • Size: 4"



Twiggy  
Height: 40" • Size: 5.5"

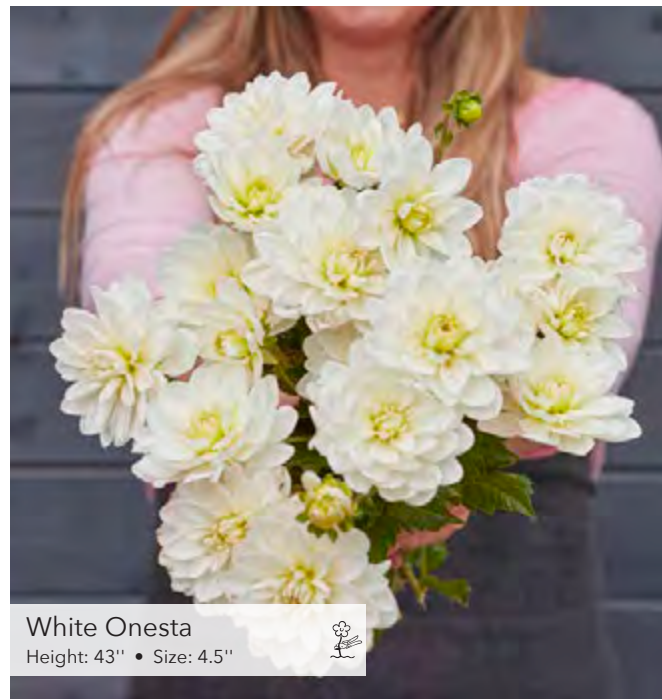




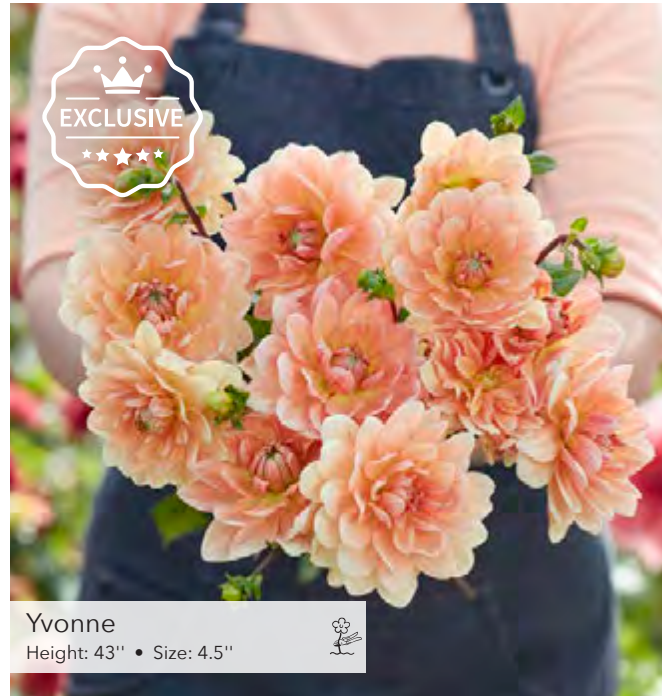
Yelno Harmony  
Height: 40" • Size: 4.5"



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White Onesta  
Height: 43" • Size: 4.5"



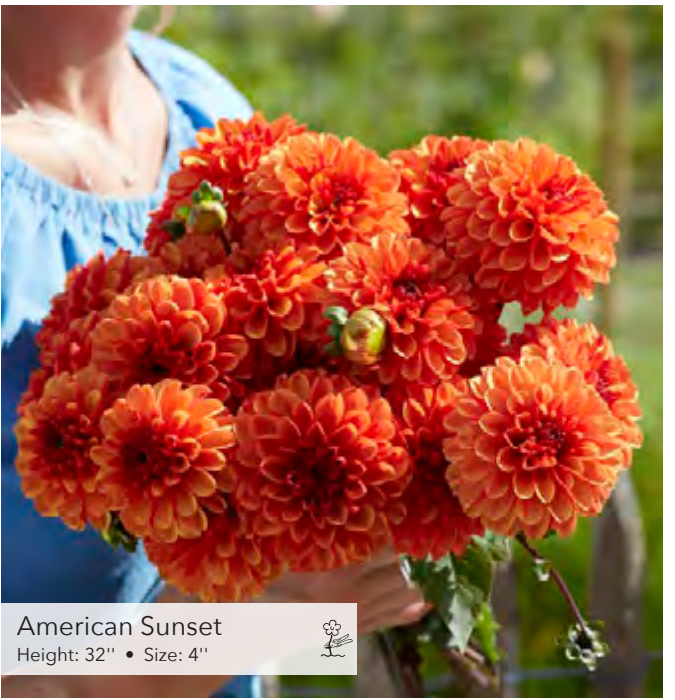
Yvonne  
Height: 43" • Size: 4.5"



# BALL



Amber Crystal  
Height: 32" • Size: 3.5"



American Sunset  
Height: 32" • Size: 4"



Askwith Minnie  
Height: 43" • Size: 6"







Autumn Pumpkin  
Height: 40" • Size: 3.5"



Babette  
Height: 40" • Size: 4"



Banana Baby  
Height: 40" • Size: 4"



Boy Scout  
Height: 40" • Size: 3"



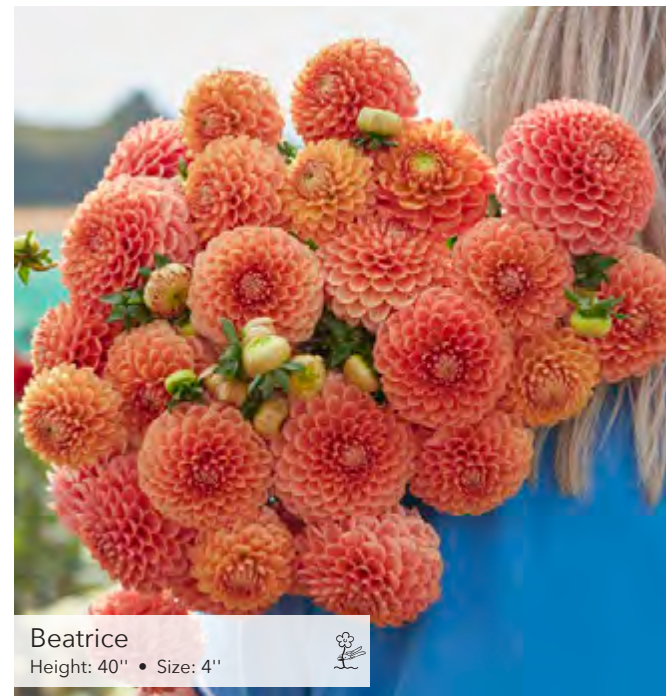
Britt  
Height: 40" • Size: 4"



Boom Boom White  
Height: 35" • Size: 3.5"



Bantling  
Height: 35" • Size: 2.5"



Beatrice  
Height: 40" • Size: 4"



Bonanza  
Height: 40" • Size: 3.5"



Brown Sugar  
Height: 43" • Size: 4"



Caitlyn's Joy  
Height: 43" • Size: 3.5"

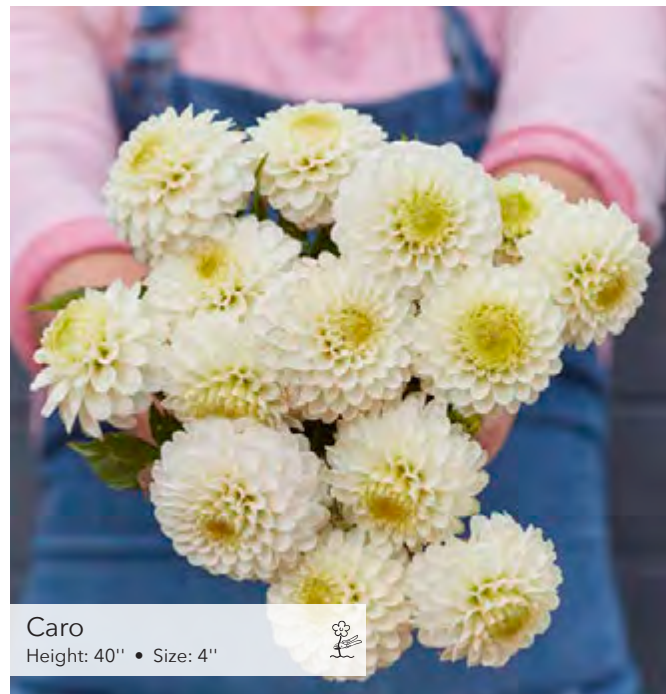




Chapeau Bas  
Height: 32" • Size: 4.5"



Centre Court  
Height: 40" • Size: 4"



Caro  
Height: 40" • Size: 4"



Copper Boy  
Height: 40" • Size: 4"



Cornel  
Height: 40" • Size: 4"



Checkers  
Height: 40" • Size: 5.5"



Columbus  
Height: 40" • Size: 3.5"







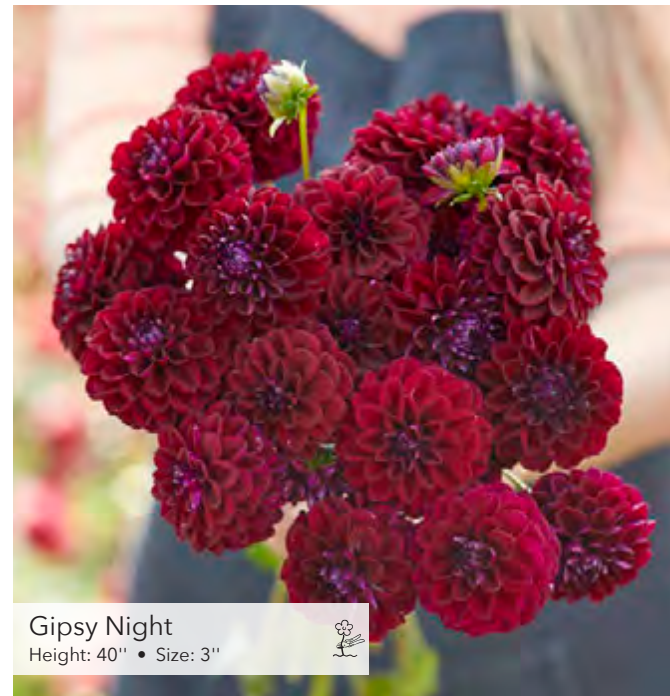
**Downham Royal**  
Height: 45" • Size: 4"



**Cryfield Harmony**  
Height: 40" • Size: 4"



**Dark Spirit**  
Height: 32" • Size: 3"



**Gipsy Night**  
Height: 40" • Size: 3"



**Golden Eye**  
Height: 40" • Size: 4"



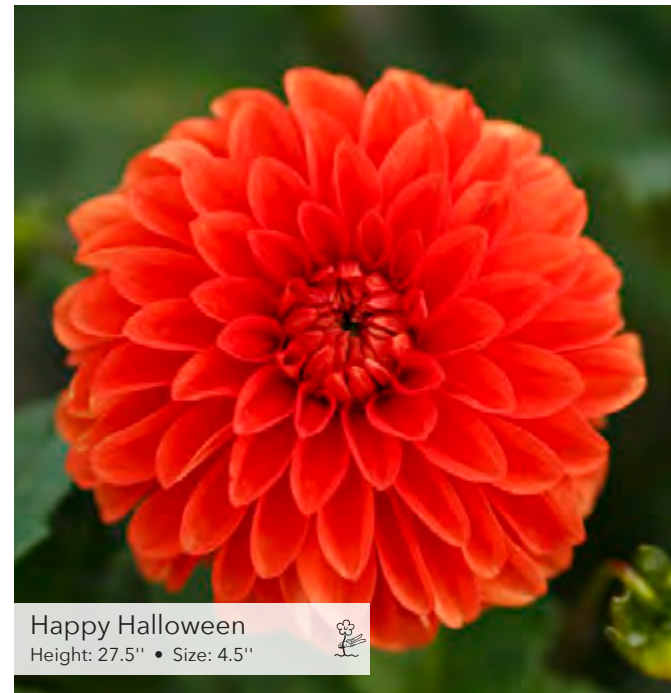
**Dear Alexander**  
Height: 43" • Size: 4"



**Eveline**  
Height: 43" • Size: 4"



**Golden Scepter**  
Height: 35" • Size: 3"



**Happy Halloween**  
Height: 27.5" • Size: 4.5"



**Genova**  
Height: 32" • Size: 3"







Isa's Favorite  
Height: 40" • Size: 3.5"



Happy Hour  
Height: 32" • Size: 4"



Hillcrest Suffusion  
Height: 43" • Size: 5"



Ivanetti  
Height: 40" • Size: 3"



Janick's Symphony  
Height: 40" • Size: 4"



Ice Ice Baby  
Height: 40" • Size: 4"



Jowey Winnie  
Height: 40" • Size: 4.5"



Kona  
Height: 27.5" • Size: 4"



Jowey Nicky  
Height: 35" • Size: 4.5"







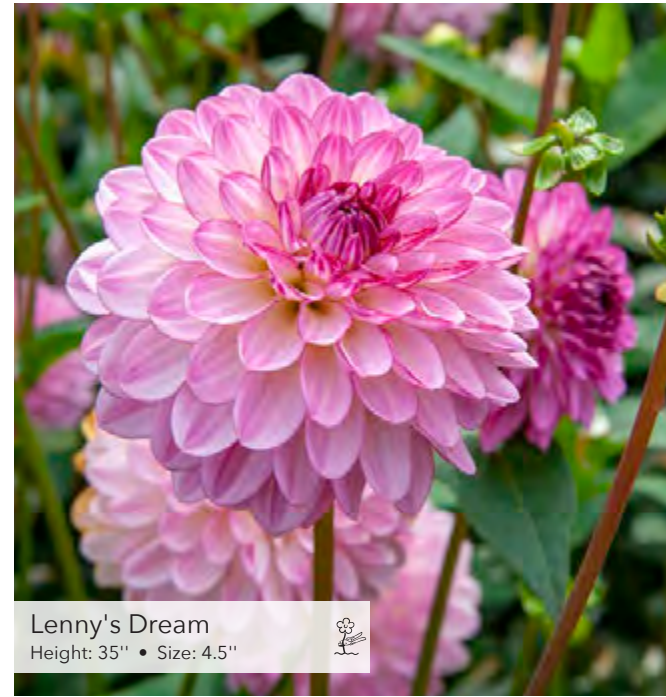
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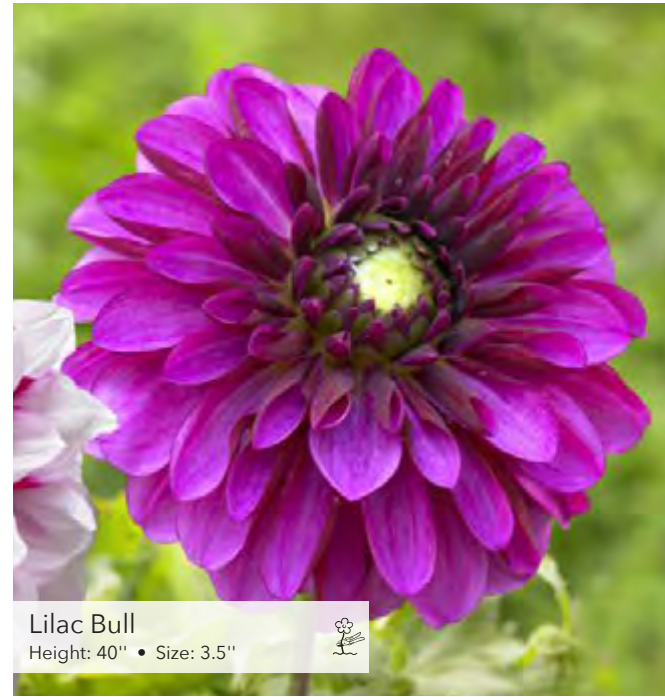
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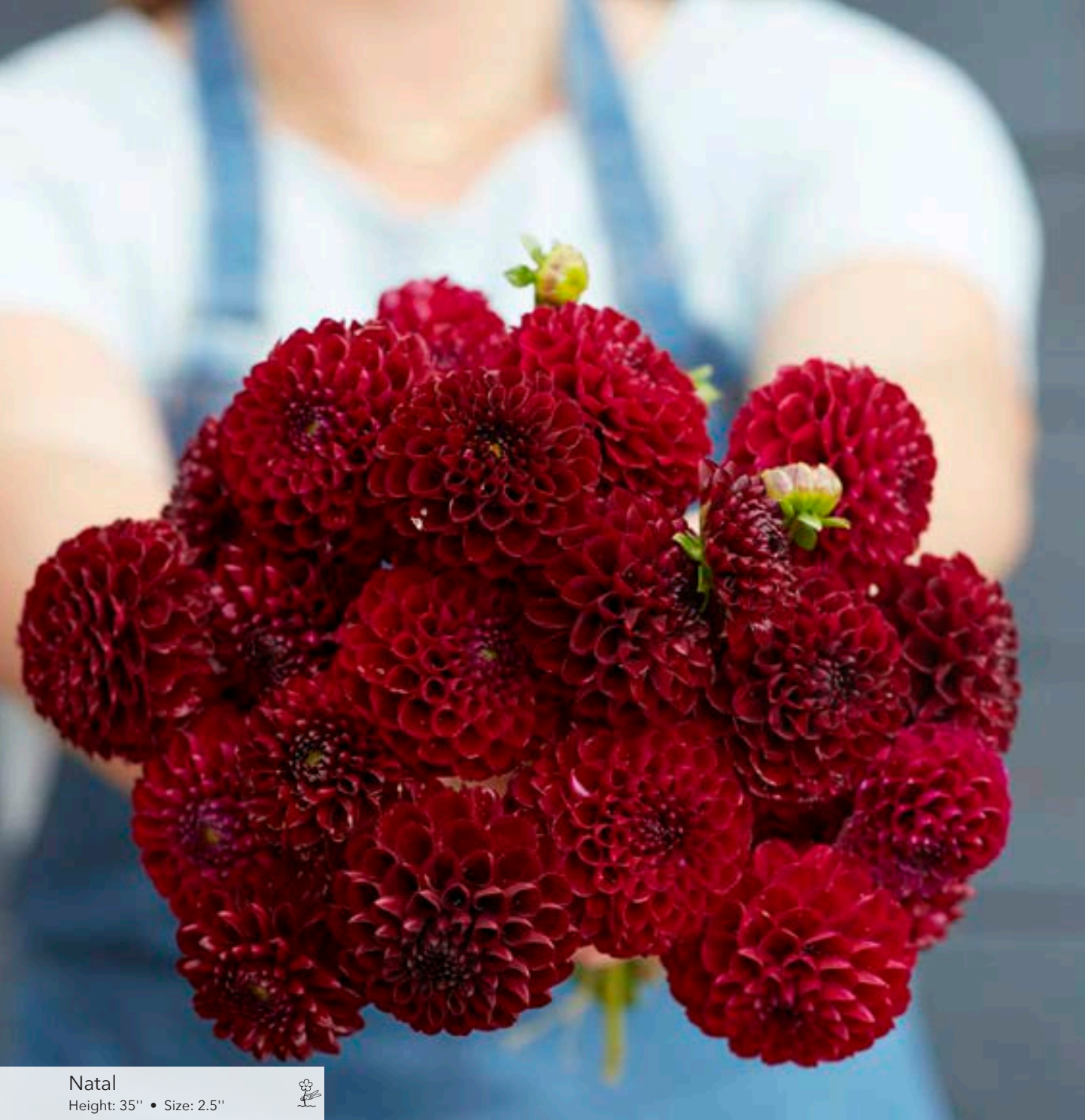
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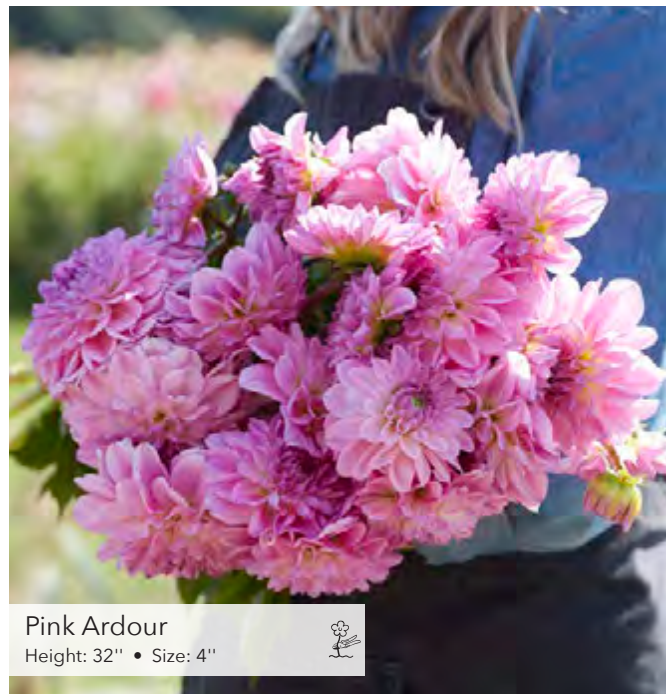
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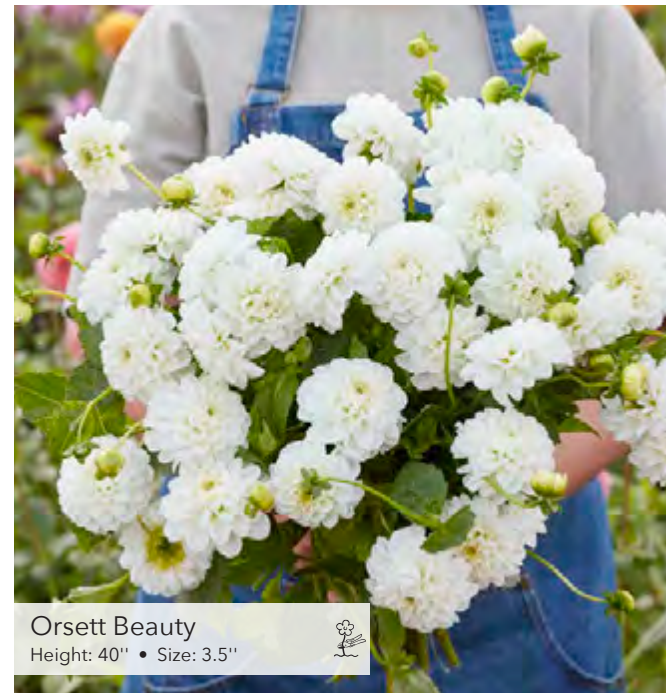
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Pink Ardour  
Height: 32" • Size: 4"



Orsett Beauty  
Height: 40" • Size: 3.5"



Pink Pop  
Height: 40" • Size: 4"



Pink Suffusion  
Height: 40" • Size: 3.5"





**Pink Pearl**  
Height: 40" • Size: 4"



**Pink Sylvia (Sandra)**  
Height: 47" • Size: 3.5"



**Polventum Suprême**  
Height: 40" • Size: 4"



**Red Cap**  
Height: 40" • Size: 3.5"



**Polar Ice**  
Height: 40" • Size: 4.5"



**Red Fox**  
Height: 40" • Size: 3"



**Robann Regal**  
Height: 40" • Size: 3.5"



**Purple Fox**  
Height: 40" • Size: 3"







Ruth Ann  
Height: 40" • Size: 3.5"



Ryecroft Jan  
Height: 40" • Size: 3.5"



Safe Shot  
Height: 40" • Size: 3"



Souvenir d'Été  
Height: 27.5" • Size: 2.5"



Sunny Boy  
Height: 40" • Size: 3"



Sweet Suzanne  
Height: 40" • Size: 3.5"



Salsa  
Height: 40" • Size: 3"



Smoothy  
Height: 40" • Size: 4.5"



Snow Cap  
Height: 40" • Size: 3.5"



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Sylvia  
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Wizard of Oz  
Height: 32" • Size: 3"



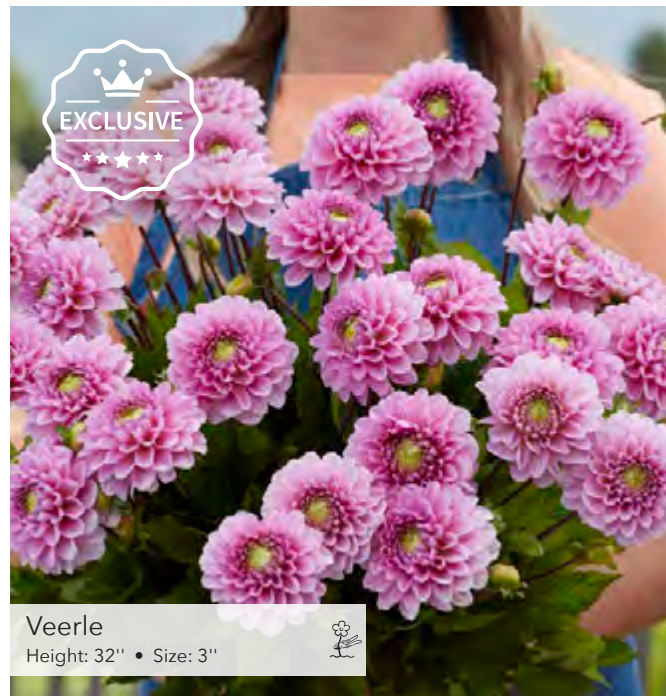
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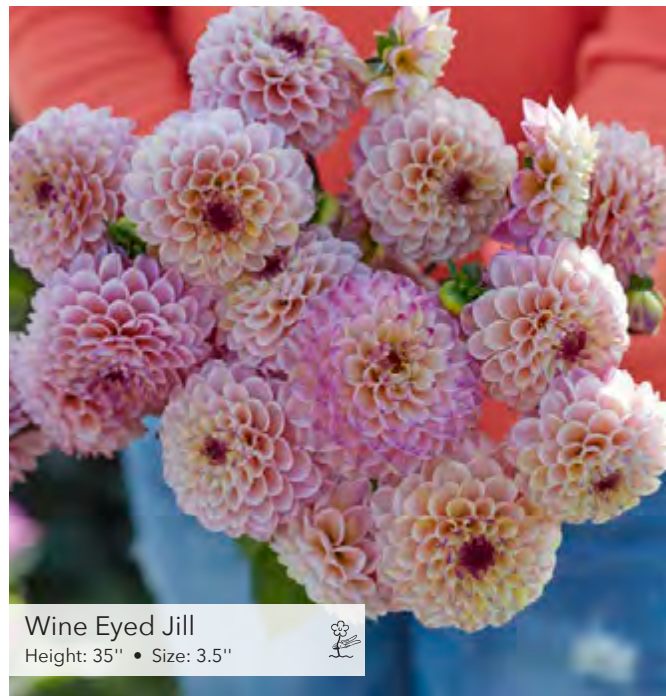
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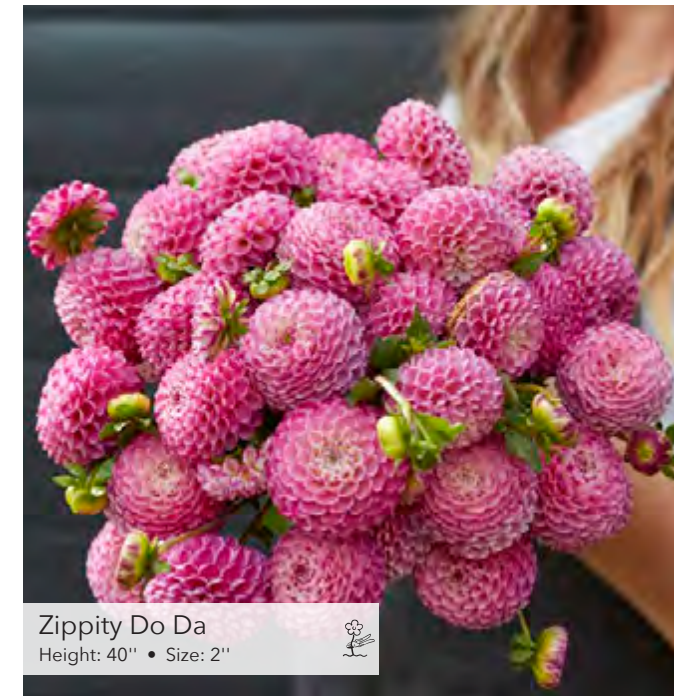
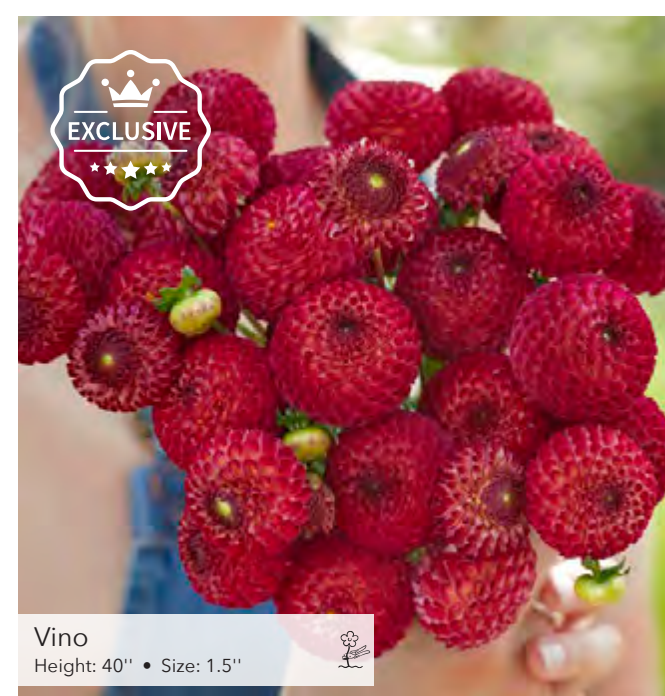
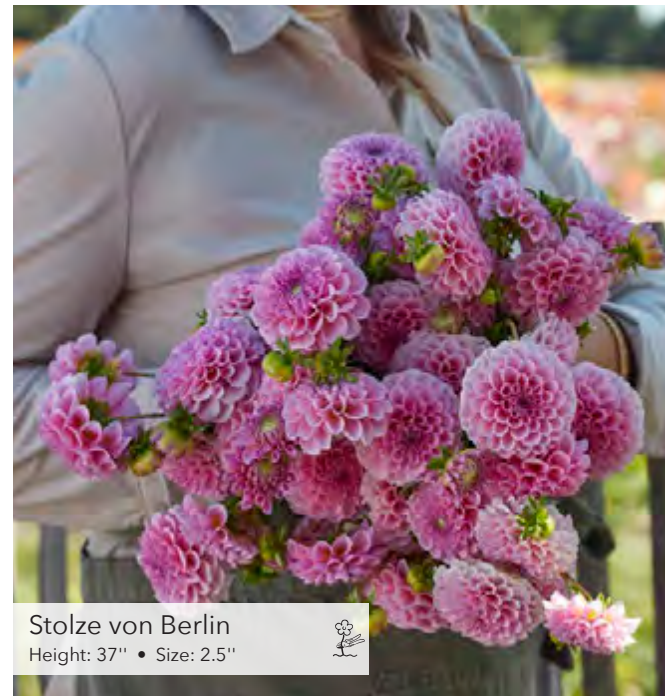
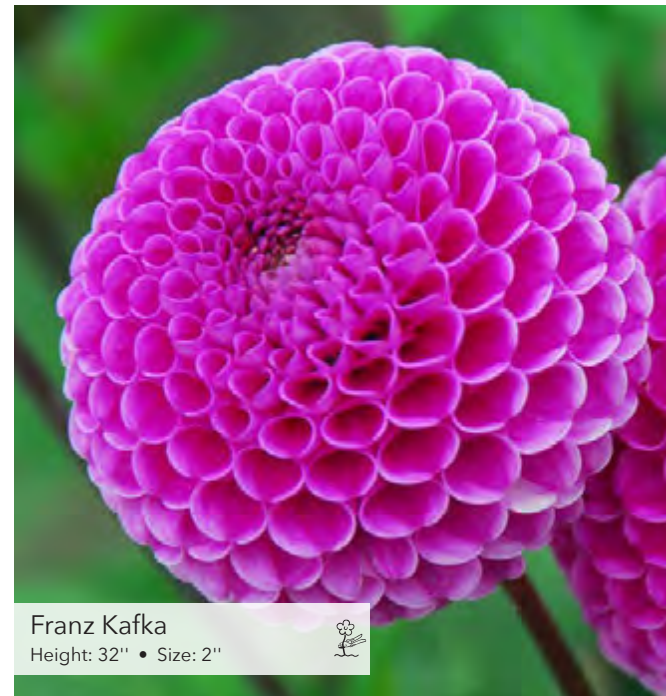
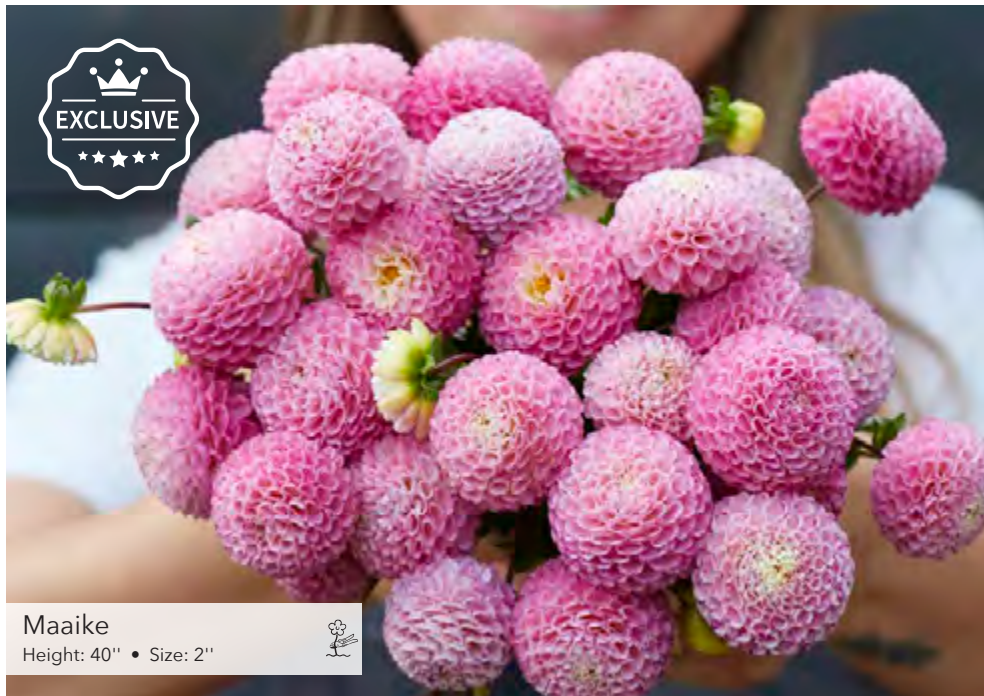
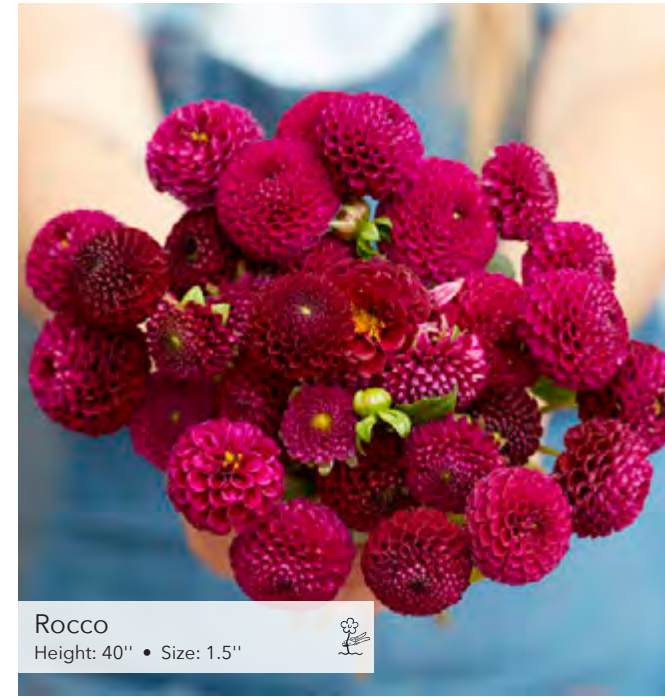
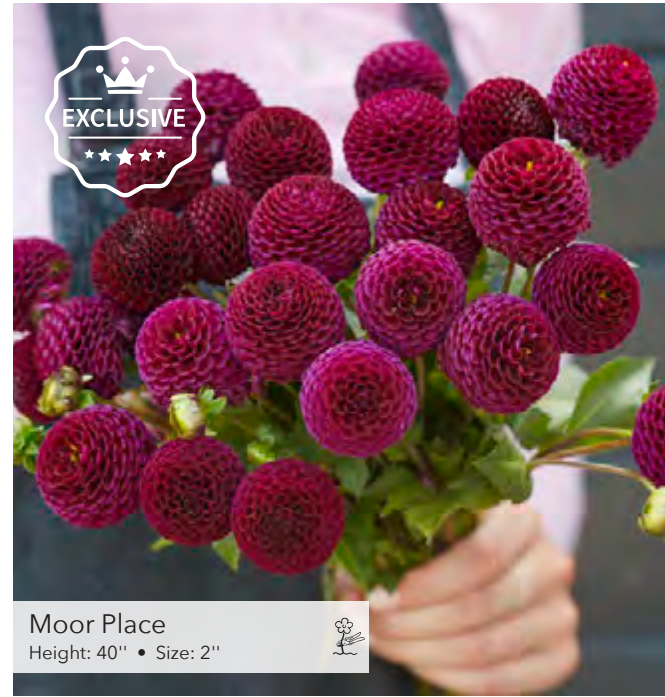


White Wizard (Light Wizard)  
Height: 35" • Size: 3"





# POMPON







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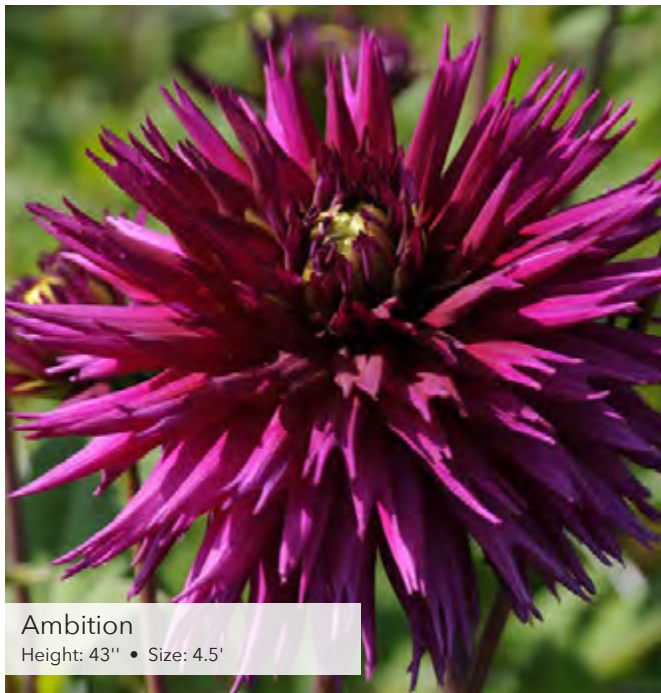
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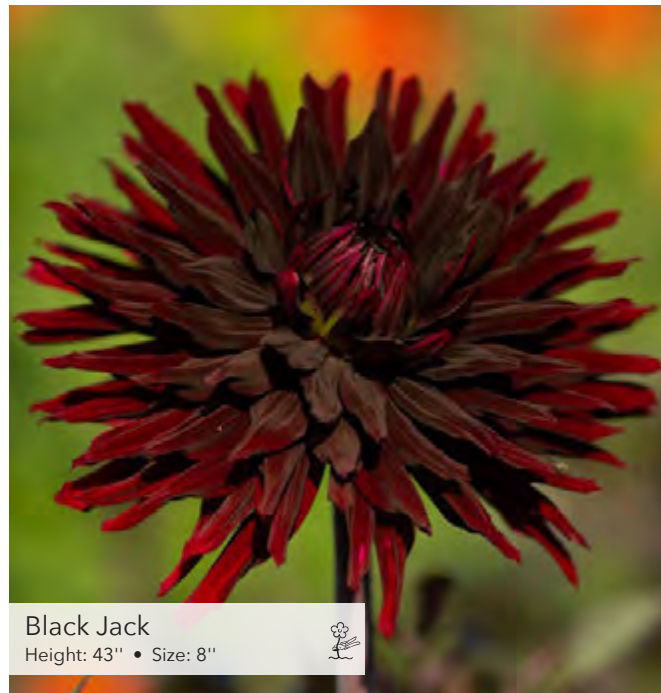
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Akita  
Height: 35" • Size: 7" 




Ambition  
Height: 43" • Size: 4.5' 




Black Jack  
Height: 43" • Size: 8" 



Black Narcissus  
Height: 35" • Size: 6" 



Gelber Vulcan  
Height: 40" • Size: 8" 





Just Married  
Height: 40" • Size: 6.5"



(Semi) Cactus

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Chat Noir  
Height: 40" • Size: 6"



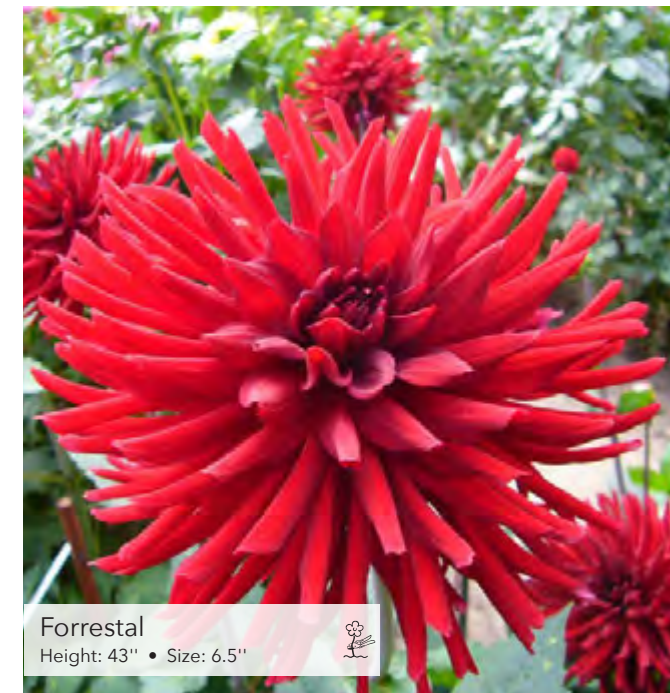
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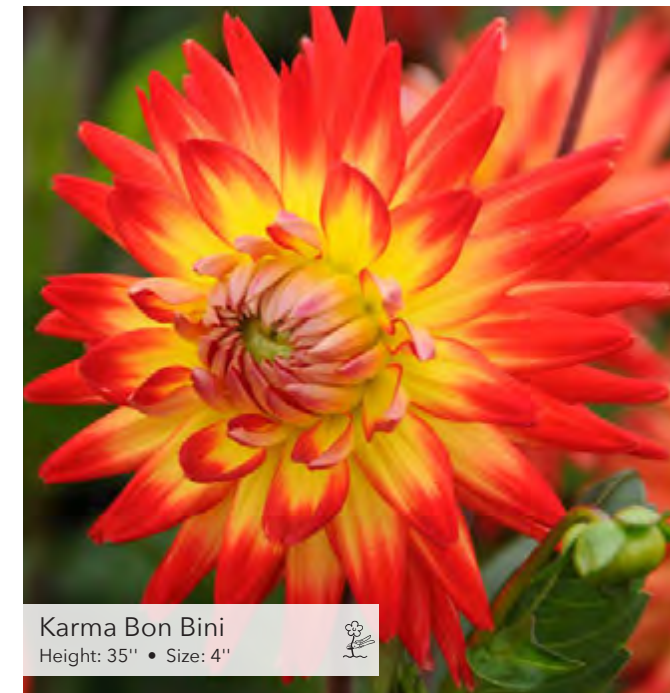
Ednie Flower Bulbs



Forrestal  
Height: 43" • Size: 6.5"



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Karma Bon Bini  
Height: 35" • Size: 4"



(Semi) Cactus



Clearview Edie  
Height: 40" • Size: 6.5"



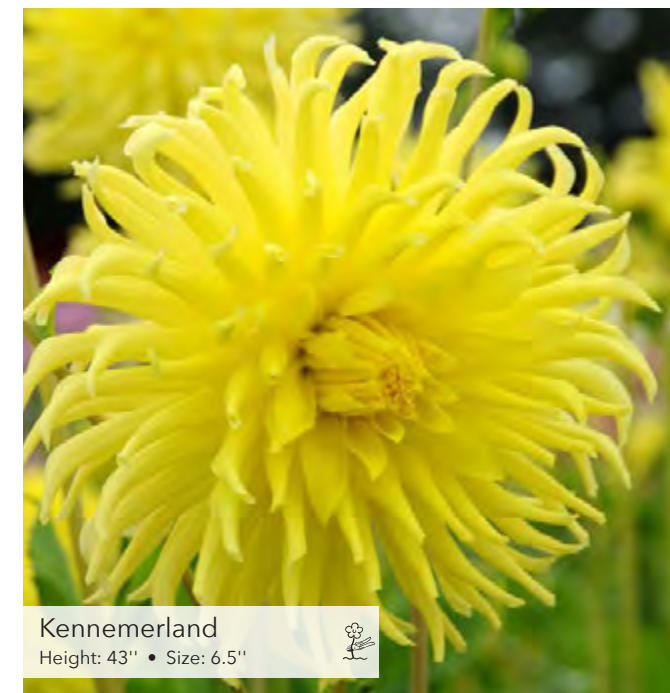
Ednie Flower Bulbs



Karma Sangria  
Height: 43" • Size: 6"



Ednie Flower Bulbs



Kennemerland  
Height: 43" • Size: 6.5"



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Mount Tacoma  
Height: 43" • Size: 6.5"



(Semi) Cactus





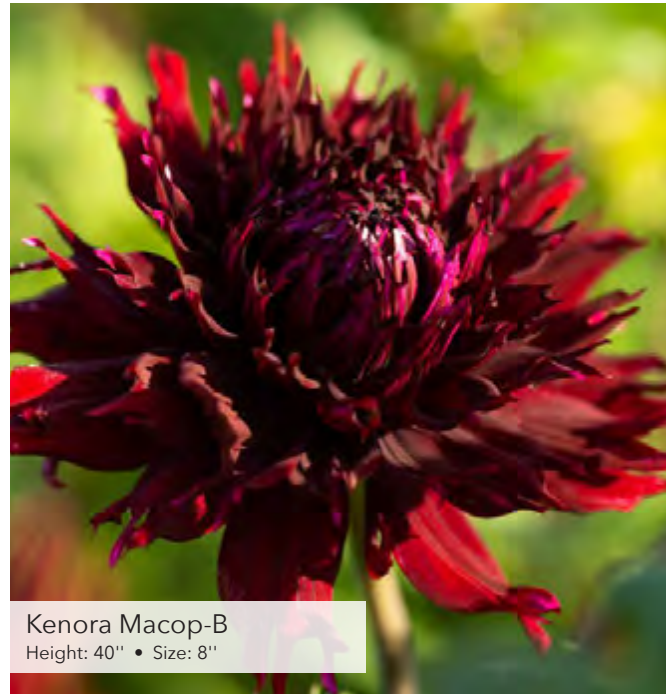
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NEW

Misses Dutch  
Height: 40" • Size: 6.5"



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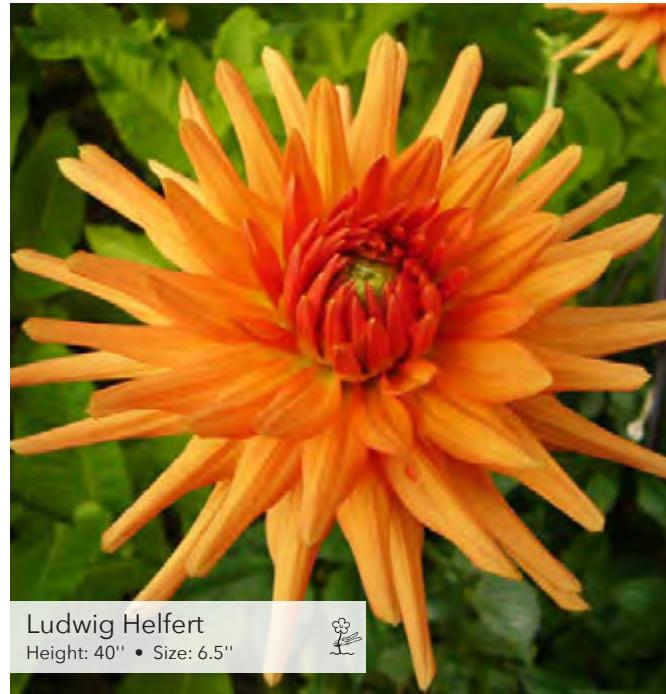
Kenora Macop-B  
Height: 40" • Size: 8"



Omega  
Height: 35" • Size: 8"



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Ludwig Helfert  
Height: 40" • Size: 6.5"



Ednie Flower Bulbs



P.G. Wodehouse  
Height: 40" • Size: 5.5"



Penhill Autumn Shade  
Height: 40" • Size: 8"



Rip City  
Height: 40" • Size: 6"



Ednie Flower Bulbs



Preference  
Height: 35" • Size: 4.5"



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(Semi) Cactus

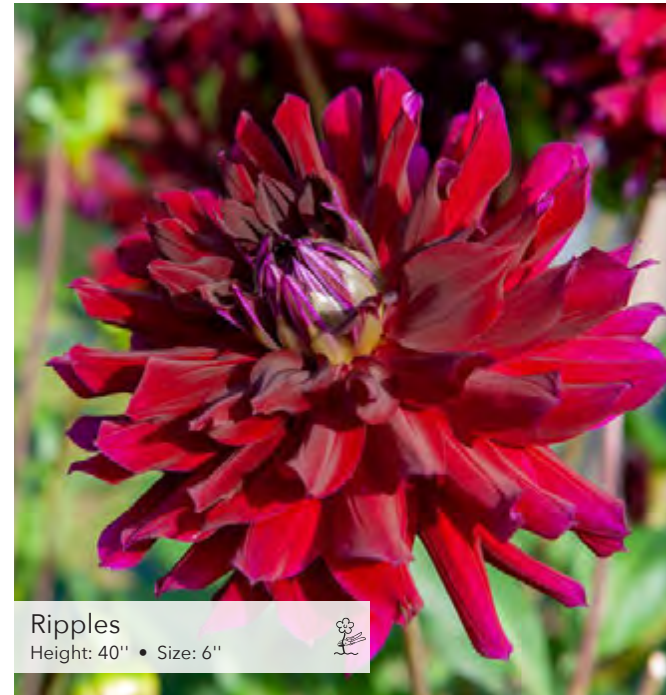




Striped Vulcan  
Height: 51" • Size: 6"

(Semi) Cactus

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Ripples  
Height: 40" • Size: 6"

Ednie Flower Bulbs



Samourai  
Height: 43" • Size: 5.5"

Ednie Flower Bulbs



Vancouver  
Height: 35" • Size: 6"

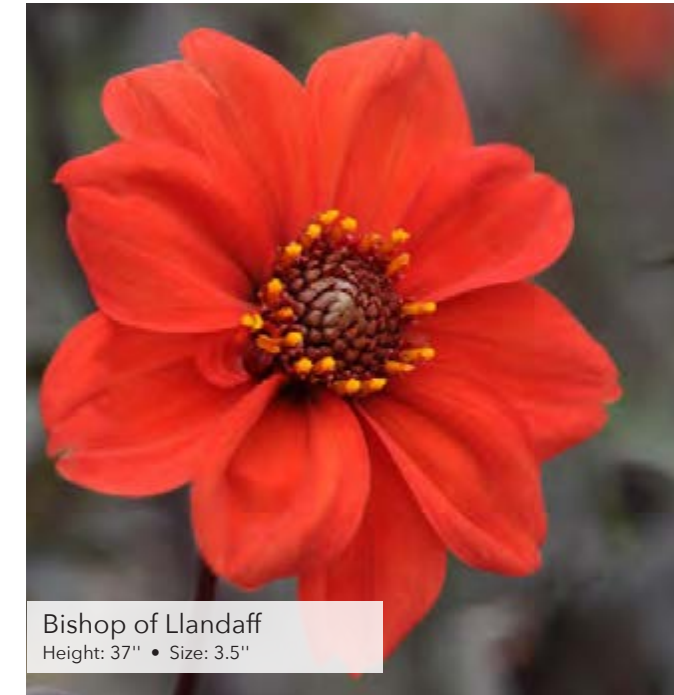
Ednie Flower Bulbs



Torsade  
Height: 35" • Size: 6.5"

Ednie Flower Bulbs

# PAEONY



Bishop of Llandaff  
Height: 37" • Size: 3.5"

(Semi) Cactus / Paeony



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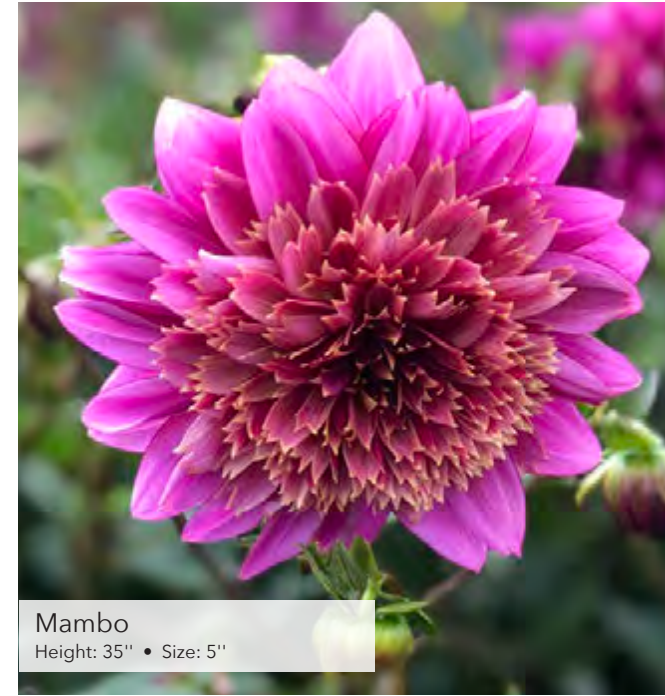
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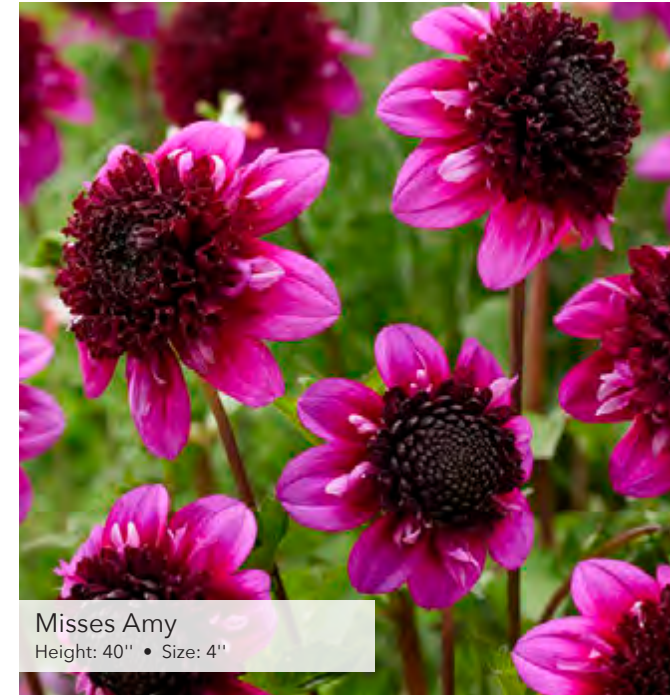
Princess Nadine  
Height: 35" • Size: 3.5"



Dad's Favorite  
Height: 30" • Size: 4"



Mambo  
Height: 35" • Size: 5"



Misses Amy  
Height: 40" • Size: 4"



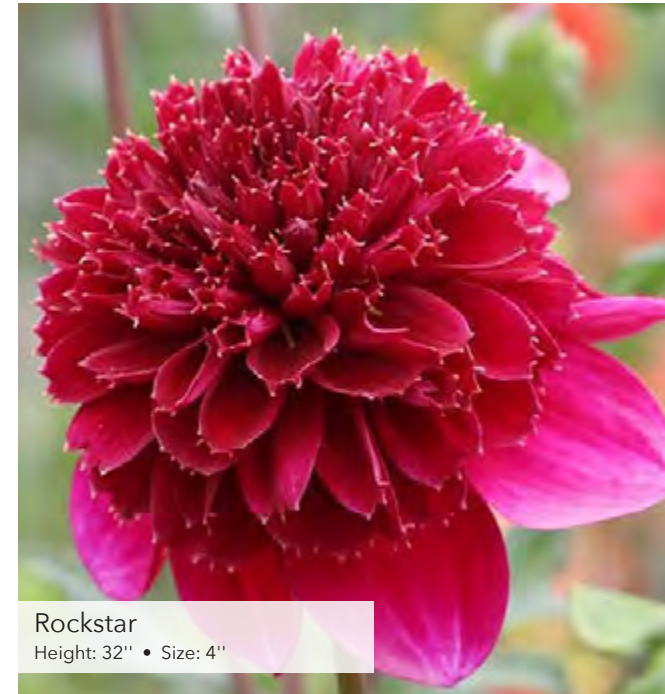
Totally Tangerine  
Height: 32" • Size: 4"



Blue Bayou  
Height: 40" • Size: 4.5"



Platinum Blonde  
Height: 47" • Size: 3.5"



Rockstar  
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Speech  
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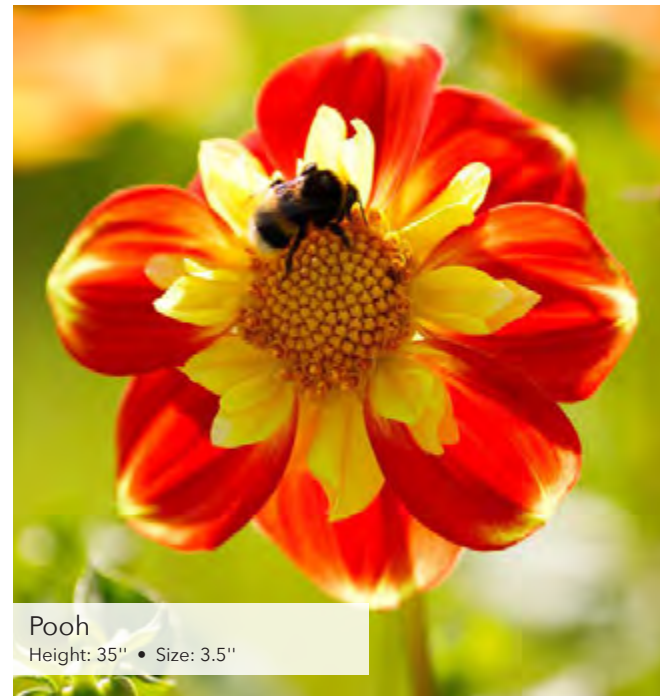
# COLLERETTE



Night Butterfly  
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Bumble Rumble  
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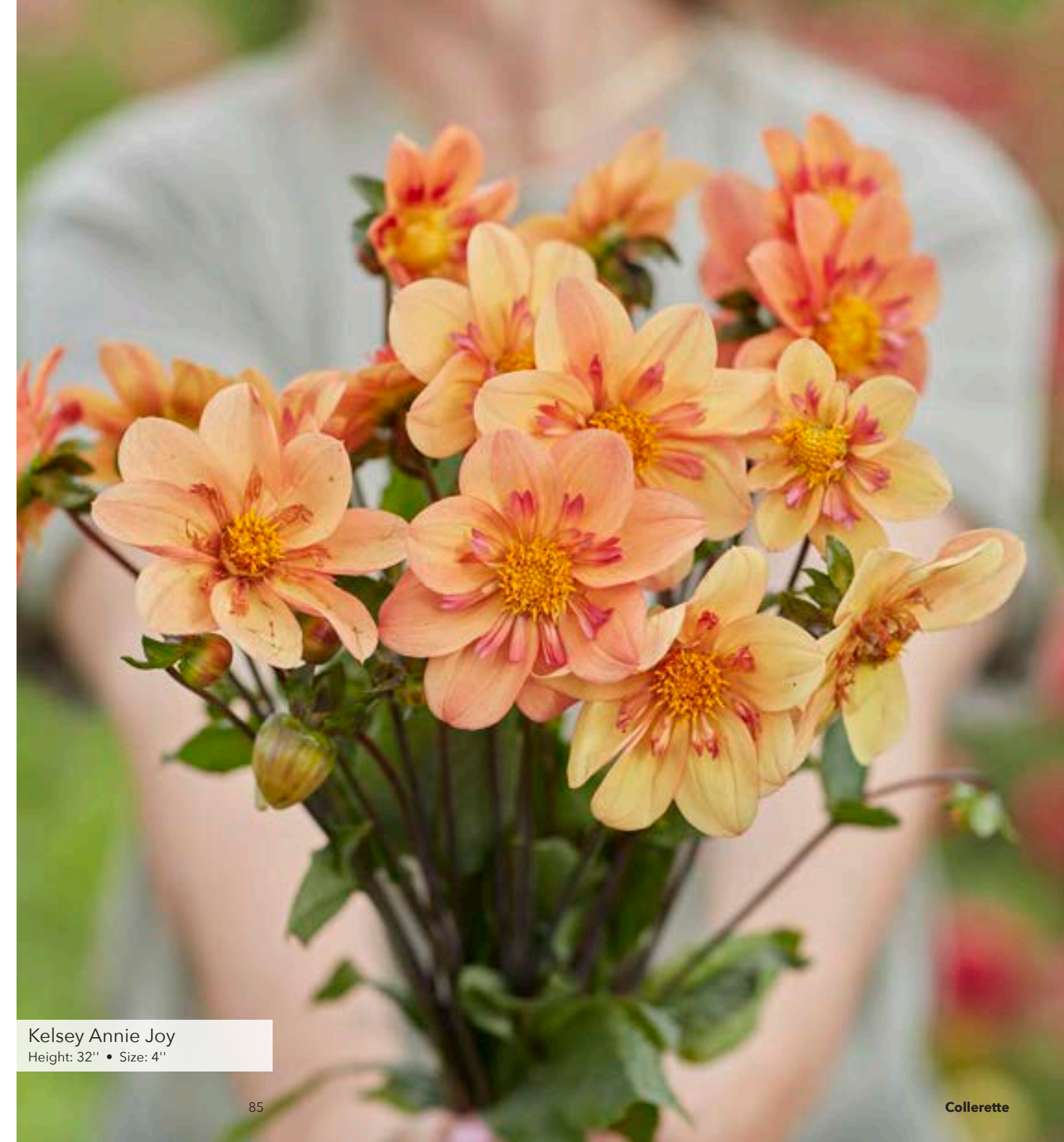
Pooh  
Height: 35" • Size: 3.5"



Skyfall  
Height: 40" • Size: 4"



Teesbrook Audrey  
Height: 35" • Size: 4"



Kelsey Annie Joy  
Height: 32" • Size: 4"



# SINGLE



HS Date  
Height: 32" • Size: 4"



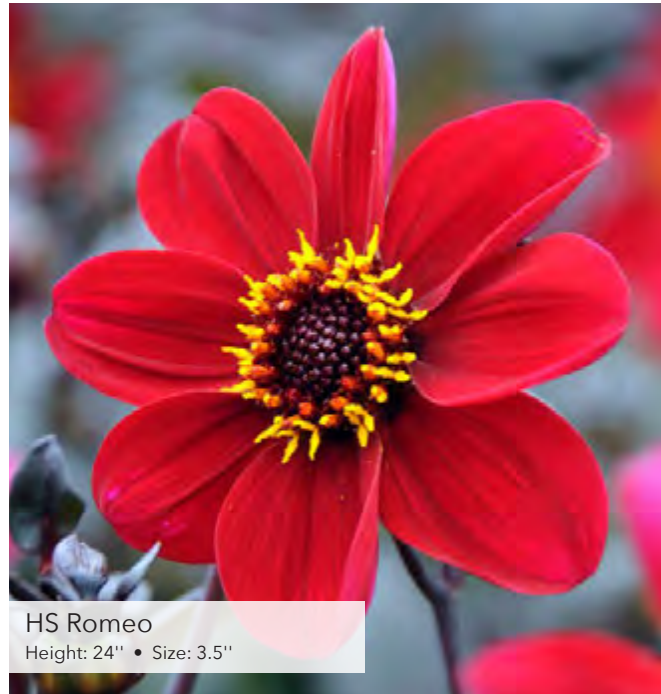
Bright Eyes  
Height: 27.5" • Size: 4.5"



HS Juliet  
Height: 24" • Size: 3.5"



HS Party  
Height: 27.5" • Size: 3.5"



HS Romeo  
Height: 24" • Size: 3.5"



HS Princess  
Height: 24" • Size: 4"



Sunshine  
Height: 27.5" • Size: 3.5"



HS Flame  
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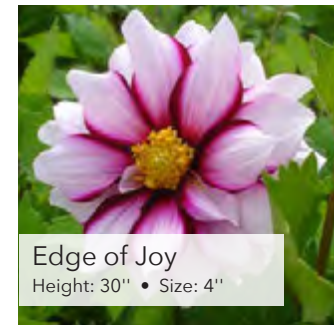




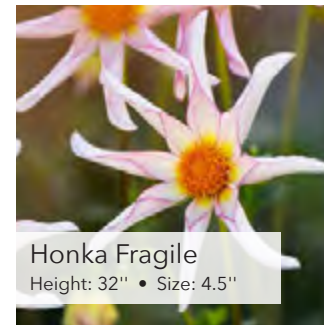
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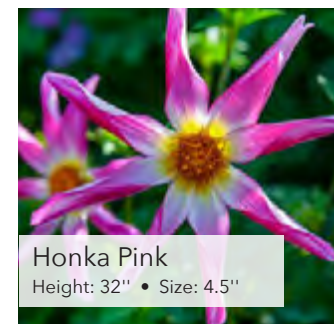
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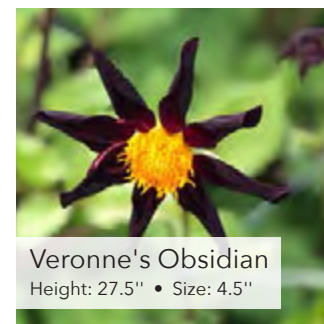
Edge of Joy  
Height: 30" • Size: 4"



Honka Fragile  
Height: 32" • Size: 4.5"



Honka Pink  
Height: 32" • Size: 4.5"



Veronne's Obsidian  
Height: 27.5" • Size: 4.5"

## Practical Tips Cut flower production of Dahlias

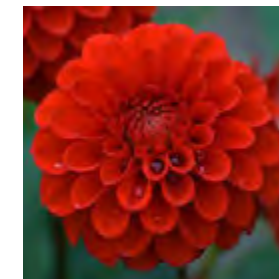
### Planting material

We sell #1 size tuber clumps. Not Individual tubers. Dahlia clumps will produce more shoots because they have more eyes on the clump.

### Storage

Storage in crates at a temperature of 46°F (8°C) until planting. Open the crates/boxes and bags for ventilation. Avoid strong fans that may cause tubers to dry out.

## Types of Dahlias



Ball



Pompon



Cactus



Small & Medium **Decorative**



Large & Giant **Decorative**

### Soil

Dahlias will grow in any type of soil. The ideal pH value is 6 to 7. Applying lime will increase the pH. Good drainage is necessary to keep the underground parts of the plant from rotting; this means that water should drain quickly following heavy rainfall. Dahlias have large leaf surfaces and transpire large quantities of water. This water can be absorbed by the roots only when soil moisture levels are adequate. For these reasons, frequent monitoring of the soil moisture is important. Water thoroughly when planting, then lightly until plants are established. As plants grow larger, increase watering frequency. Drip irrigation is recommended. Insufficient moisture results in slow growth, fewer flowers and leaf yellowing.

### Nutrients

The soil must contain adequate levels of potassium and phosphate. If the level of phosphate is too low, apply to the soil before planting.

Potassium can also be applied before planting. Incorporate the potassium and phosphate thoroughly into the upper 6" (15cm) of soil. The application of nitrate can influence the vegetative development during the growth period. Monitor the colour of the leaves (they should remain bright green) and strive for a continuous development of leaves and flowers. A nitrate deficiency will result in short plants with a pale leaf colour, but too much nitrate will produce straggling, limp plants, with fewer flowers.

### Planting period

Soil should be at least 55°F (13°C) before planting. Planting into cold soil raises the chance of rotting tubers. Dahlias grow best at air temperatures between 60-75°F (15-25°C), but can withstand cooler, or warmer temperatures, they will not tolerate any frost.

### Planting density and planting

Standard spacing is two rows, 15-18" (38-45cm) apart in a 3-4"



(1-1.2m) wide bed. Space plants 18" (45cm) apart down the row, in an alternating pattern. Use wider spacing for cultivars with a large, more spreading habit. Cover the crown of the tuber on which the growth eyes are located with 1" (2-3cm) of soil. Tubers should be horizontal or pointing down.

### Bloom period

Dahlias begin to bloom 10-12 weeks after planting, and continue until frost. Growing in a high tunnel may protect plants from early frosts. Dahlias in the field can be protected from a light frost by running sprinklers on them throughout the night, until air temperatures are above freezing the following morning.

### Weed control

Weeds can be controlled by the

use of mulch, manual weeding, or herbicides. Start with a weed free planting bed. Read and follow all chemical labels to ensure the product is labelled for Dahlias. Many growers plant dahlias in landscape fabric to control weeds, and conserve moisture. If grown in landscape fabric in areas with high heat, spread clean straw on the fabric to reduce heat gain from the sun.

### Support

Tall dahlias need support. The weight of the plant and its flowers is so great that high wind and heavy rain can knock the plants to the ground. Use Hortonova Crop Support Netting, or Gloeckner Welded Wire Flower Support, placed horizontally over the dahlias, soon after planting. Include intermediate supports along the

sides of the bed. Growers have also been successful using the Florida Tomato Weave method of staking.

### Disbudding

To produce long attractive stems and larger flowers, growers may remove axillary shoots. A dahlia plant continues to produce new offshoots. Harvesting the flowers stimulates this and makes it possible to continue harvesting over a long period. Some growers remove the central stem with a hard "pinch" to encourage earlier branching.

### Harvesting flowers

For uniform flower maturity, it is important to cut the flowers every day. On warm days harvest early in the morning or late in the afternoon. Harvest half to fully






open, depending on your needs. Cut long stems to encourage the plant to produce more long stems. Bunching can be done immediately in the field or later in the processing facility. Remove the lowest leaves. Trim the flower stems in each bunch to the desired length and place them in a water-filled container. Use a chlorine tablet to prevent bacterial growth.

### Storing flowers

Place the flowers in a cooler at 35°F (2°C) use a holding solution to extend vase life and keep the water in the bucket clean. Dahlias are best "picked today, and sold tomorrow". Holding dahlias overnight in a cooler has shown to reduce premature wilting. Dahlias do not store well for long periods. Pick new and compost the old.

### Pests and diseases

Various pests and diseases can affect the production of dahlias for cut flowers. Here are the most common ones accompanied by their control measures. Remember to consider hygiene and to start with healthy starting material. Prevention is better than a cure. Foliage or flowers damaged by insects or disease will not recover. If the problem is addressed, new growth should be fine.

Cause		Symptoms	Prevention/control
<b>Dahlia smut</b> <i>(Entyloma dahliae)</i>		Light green to yellow round spots and sometimes angular spots bounded by veins appear primarily on the lowest leaves and measure up to 7/16" (2-10mm) across. The infection occurs mainly during flowering and then particularly under humid conditions.	Use a generous crop rotation period. Choose a planting density that will allow the foliage to dry quickly after rainfall. Remove and destroy diseased and dead plant parts. If necessary, spray with a fungicide according to instructions.
<b>Aerial stalk rot</b> <i>(Sclerotinia sclerotiorum)</i>		The sudden weakening of one or more stalks on a plant is a symptom of this disease. Large sclerotia with the appearance of rat faeces form inside the hollow stems. Damage occurs primarily on plots that are regularly used for producing host plants such as Dahlia, beans, Chrysanthemum, Liatris and potatoes.	In case of an infestation, spray with a fungicide according to instructions. Remove and destroy diseased plants along with neighbouring plants. Steam infected soil. Use a generous crop rotation period.
<b>Aphids</b>		The upper leaves of young shoots become misshapen or tightly curled. Clusters of black or green aphids can be found on the undersides of these leaves and sometimes on young stems and flower stems as well.	If necessary, spray with an insecticide according to instructions.
<b>Spider mite</b>		Affected leaves turn dark brown in places and fall off prematurely. These symptoms are generally caused by Tetranychus urticae (Red Spider Mite) that occurs on many host plants. Hot dry weather increases the reproduction rate of spider mites.	Spray regularly and according to the instructions with an agent that controls red spider mite.
<b>Thrips</b> <i>(Thrips tabaci)</i>		Affected plants display a noticeably slowed rate of growth. Often, the lowest leaves are shaped normally but the younger leaves are highly misshapen. Flower formation is also disrupted. Hot dry weather increases the reproduction rate of thrips.	Spray with insecticide according to instructions. Be sure to treat the tips of the buds thoroughly.









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Bacardi	30	Café de Paris <b>NEW</b>	74	Dutch Delight	35	Glory of Heemstede	49	Just Married	76	Mango Madness	18	Orange Pekoe	43	Red Labyrinth	23	Sunny Boy	69	Yelno Harmony <b>NEW</b>	52
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Bahia Blanca	30	Candy Time	32	Edge of Joy	88	Golden Scepter	59	Karma Amora®	37	Maroon Fox	63	Orsett Beauty	65	Renate Tozio	28	Sweet Fabienne	69	Zippity Do Da	73
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