

# How to Grow Daisies



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## About This Daisies

Daisies, with their white petals surrounding yellow centers, are similar to the familiar meadow daisy, but have larger and more abundant blooms. daisies bloom over a long period, from early summer until fall, forming tidy clumps from 2 to 3 feet tall and up to 2 feet across. The bright flowers contrast nicely with the glossy, dark green foliage, livening up any garden bed. The flowers are also suitable for cutting.



## Special Features

- Easy care/low maintenance
- Good for cut flowers
- Attracts butterflies

## Site Selection

Select a site with full sun and well-drained soil.

## Daisy Varieties

There are many different varieties of daisies. Most are perennials, with the white Shasta Daisy being the most popular. Some, like African Daisies, are annuals. Many home gardeners begin their gardening life with easy to maintain plants, making daisies a perfect starter flower.





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## Planting Daisies

Daisies can be started from seeds sown directly in the garden. They will begin blooming the second year after planting. Choose a well-protected area of the garden that has rich, well-drained soil and receives plenty of sunshine. Mix some compost into the existing garden soil. Level the area and then use a hoe or rake to scratch the top of the soil and toss seeds directly on top.



Lightly cover the daisy seeds with about 1/8" of an inch of soil. Be sure to keep the area moist until the seeds have germinated. Once the daisy seedlings are two or three inches tall, thin them to one plant per twelve inches of space. Water them only when they appear dry. The young plants can be transplanted to their permanent spots in early fall or the following spring.

## Growing Daisies

Established perennial varieties can be separated by division. This should be done every 3-4 years to avoid over-crowding. Dig up the clump and separate it into groups for replanting.

When the daisies are in full bloom, cut flowers for indoor arrangements.



In cold weather regions, provide a thick layer of mulch for winter protection.