



# Chrysanthemum

(*Chrysanthemum x morifolium*)



## Origins

Native to Europe, Asia and South Africa, chrysanthemums are aromatic annual and perennial herbs or subshrubs that are members of the Compositae family that includes some 100 to 200 species.

The common names used to describe these flowers--pompons, spiders, Fujis and daisies, to list a few--reflect the genera's diversity of shape and size. Any effort to list the most popular of these white-, yellow-, orange-, pink-, red- and purple-colored species would be incomplete.



## Availability and Vase Life

Modern growing techniques make chrysanthemums available year round, and with proper care these flowers can last from 7-14 days.

## Care and Handling

Upon receipt, recut chrysanthemums under water, removing about 1 inch from the stem, along with foliage that will fall below the waterline or that is yellowing. Although fresh flower food may cause foliar yellowing, it extends the blooms' lives. Avoid pounding or splitting chrysanthemum stems.

## Design Uses

Because of their diverse sizes and shapes, chrysanthemums may be used as either form or filler flowers in floral designs.

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