

NEW CUTS OFFER A RAINBOW OF COLOR

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ALSTROEMERIA

Onyx ('Zalsanyx') is a purple alstroemeria with good-quality stems from Royal Van Zanten. Plants have high temperature tolerance and no cooling is needed. Plant height is 40-56 inches.

'**Mauve Majesty**' is a cut alstroemeria that was developed by Mark Bridgen at Cornell University. It produces a large number of mauve-colored flowers from the beginning of summer until it freezes. Plants are hardy to USDA Hardiness Zone 5. Stem length is 25-35 inches. Vase life is two or more weeks.



ANTHURIUM

Florist de Kwakel's '**Goldspark**' is a new novelty yellow anthurium. Plants are good producers. Vase life is 35 days.

CAPSICUM

Fred C. Gloeckner & Co.'s **On Top** series contains two round-fruit types (**Round Red** and **Round Bronze**) and one elongated fruit variety (**Candles Red**). All three members have fruit that point upward, concentrated on the top of their stems. Green leaves grow along the stems and are easy to remove at packing. As the first-stem fruits begin to grow, a secondary

stem develops above it. Fruit will be different colors on both stems as the stages of ripeness vary. Stem length is 24-32 inches.

CELOSIA

Three colors were added to Kieft Seeds' **Bombay Fire** series. The entire series has a very uniform growth habit and flower shape, excellent stem quality and small leaves. **Firosa** has bright rose-pink flowers. **Fisal** is salmon-rose. **Figio** has golden-yellow combs.

CHELONE

Chelone lyonii '**Pink Temptation**' is a more compact selection with a sturdier, upright clump than the species. This Jelitto Perennial Seeds introduction reaches 25-30 inches tall and has 3- to 5-inch, broadly ovate serrated leaves that taper to a point. Flowers are tightly clustered and pink.

CHRYSANTHEMUM

Yoder Brothers has eight new spray mums.

Discovery has 1½-inch green button flowers and very good uniformity. Keeping quality is good.

Force has large (3½- to 4-inch), very orange daisy flowers. Uniformity is good and keeping quality is excellent, making it suitable for disbud.

Plus is a very white cushion with large, 3¼-inch flowers. Uniformity is good; keeping quality is very good.

Rock has large (3-inch), red cushion flowers. Uniformity and keeping quality are good.

Saloon has golden-orange flowers with a red-bronze center cushion. Flowers are large - 3-3½ inches in diameter. Uniformity is very good; keeping quality is good.

Swing is a purple cushion type with 3¼-inch flowers. Uniformity is very good; keeping quality is good.

White Needle is a very white exotic cushion or small spider type with large, 3¼-inch flowers. Uniformity and keeping quality are very good.

Yellow Sharp is a yellow exotic cushion or small spider type with a green center. Uniformity is



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DELPHINIUM

Light Purple is the latest member in the F₁ **Aurora** series from American Takii. Like the rest of the series, it has densely packed spikes filled with large flowers.

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DIANTHUS

PanAmerican Seed has two new *Dianthus barbatus*.

Scarlet is an addition to the **Sweet** series. It is first-year flower-

ERYNGIUM *

Benary's '**Blue Glitter**' is a fantastic filler plant for bouquets. Its silver-blue stems emerge from basal rosettes before forming a globelike



flower head. Stems reach 36-40 inches tall.

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