## **Stonegate Gardens**

### **Happy Single Wink Dahlia**

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# Happy Single Wink Dahlia Dahlia 'Happy Single Wink'

Height: 32 inches Spread: 24 inches Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight: 0 0

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

#### **Description:**

Large, lilac colored blooms with fuchsia centers, sit on top of near black foliage, creating a stunning visual focal piece to any garden, border, container or fresh cut flower arrangement; deadhead to encourage new growth; attracts butterflies and bees

#### **Ornamental Features**

Happy Single Wink Dahlia features showy lilac purple daisy flowers with gold eyes and fuchsia centers at the ends of the stems from early summer to late fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive pointy leaves emerge dark green in spring, turning black in color throughout the season.



Happy Single Wink Dahlia flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Happy Single Wink Dahlia is an herbaceous annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. It is a good choice for attracting birds, bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Happy Single Wink Dahlia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

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#### **Planting & Growing**

Happy Single Wink Dahlia will grow to be about 30 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. This annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Happy Single Wink Dahlia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.