

Our new reblooming Dianthus 'Red Beauty' is a sport of 'Firewitch'. It is just as heat tolerant, but blooms longer with more controlled growth. Deep blue foliage and bold red color will make it the main attraction in any perennial garden. This Darwin Perennials Exclusive is available as liners, and is included in the Fast Finish $^{\text{TM}}$ program.

Contact your Ball Seed sales rep or your Ball Ornamentals sales rep today for information on these Darwin Perennial products and more or call 800 879-BALL.

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Culture

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D. gratianopolitanus

'Red Beauty' PP20,301 Height: 5 to 7 in. (13 to 18 cm)

Zone: 4 to 9

Bloom Time: April to September

Excellent for 4 to 6-in. containers, and makes an outstanding addition to any sunny border or rock garden location.

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Fertilizer

150ppm to 200ppm low NH4

Transplant

Liners should be transplanted directly into finished containers. 1 plant per pot for 1 quart, 1 to 3 plant per pot for 1 gallon.

Finish Time: Form	Container	Total Weeks
Fast Finish™	1 gallon	6 to 8 weeks
Liner	1 quart	24 weeks, Fall planting
Liner	1 gallon	28 to 32 weeks, late-Summer planting

Media

Use porous, well-drained media. Do not overwater.

Temperature

Root Out: 65 to 72°F (18 to 22°C) **Growing:** 45 to 55°F (7 to 13°C)

This is a cold beneficial crop. Plan to incorporate 6 to 10 weeks of night temperatures below 50°F (10°C) to facilitate more flower power.

Holding: 40 to 50°F (4 to 10°C)

When growing from Fast Finish liners, move outdoors as soon as new roots reach the bottom of the container.

B-nine can be applied at 2500ppm if growing conditions cause stretch but typically not required.

Pinching

None.

Vernalization

6 to 10 weeks enhances flowering.

Common Problems

Pests: Aphid and thrip (flowers).

Disease: Fusarium.

NOTE: Growers should use the information presented here as a starting point. Crop times will vary depending on the climate, location, time of year and greenhouse environmental conditions. Chemical and PGR recommendations are only guidelines. It is the responsibility of the applicator to read and follow all the current label directions for the specific chemical being used in accordance with all regulations.



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