

Giant Hummingbird Iceland Poppies



For the longest vase life, immediately after harvest sear stem ends using an open flame or dip in boiling water for 7-10 seconds, at which point you will notice the ends changing color and texture. Place treated stems immediately into fresh water and a week vase life can be expected.



***Papaver nudicale* 'Hummingbird Orange/ Peach/White'**

- **Use:** These tissue paper-like blooms are heartbreakingly beautiful. A citrusy scent and abundant flowering habit stretching from early spring through mid-summer make them a highly prized cutting garden addition. Technically considered a hardy perennial, poppies can survive even the coldest winters, but because they don't do well in high heat, they are often grown as an annual or biennial. Good for cutting if stems are picked just as the buds begin to open. Removing faded flowers will encourage more buds to form. Allow plants to set seed. These are the BIG Iceland poppies, bred by Biancheri in Italy and known by a number of trade names.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers full sun and sandy soils. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry to start. Little water needed once established.
- **Growth:** Moderate grower 15-18"+ tall x 12" wide and continues to spread by seed.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 2-7, Annual/Biennial Save some seeds and spread them where you please.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Lobed leaves. Goes dormant in summer heat.
- **Flower:** Harvest when buds are barely starting to break open. Once the flowers open fully, they're prone to damage by weather and rough handling, so frequent harvesting is recommended.

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