

# Fireball Marigold



## *Tagetes patula* 'Fireball'

- **Use:** Fireball is a blaze of color over many months, its big double blooms opening a rich shade of red and then maturing to orange, bronze, and gold. They are great for cutting, and they last a long time in the garden.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full sun or at least 5-6 hours of afternoon sun. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry. Use slow release fertilizer for best results. Keep water off leaves and flowers.
- **Growth:** Grows 10-12" tall and 6-8" wide.
- **Hardiness:** **Zone** 9-11, Annual, houseplant.
- **Foliage:** Small, lacy leaves.
- **Flower:** These flowers measure about 2½ inches wide, packed with frilly petals and that characteristic marigold aroma. (Like it or not, it's a great pest deterrent.) In early Spring growing conditions, flowers age and change colour more slowly for maximum contrast. In warmer conditions, colour changes faster with less distinct contrast.

**Multicolour blooms on the same plant.  
Loves the heat and blooms until late October  
frosts!**