

# Strawberry Blonde Marigold



Culinary note: The citrus tasting flowers have many uses, try them in salads, sandwiches or seafood dishes too

## *Tagetes patula* 'Strawberry Blonde'

- **Use:** Your eyes aren't deceiving you! A breeding breakthrough has created a French Marigold with flowers in totally unique russet tones; bringing pink shades to the marigold color palette for the very first time. These bushy, vigorous, free-flowering French marigold plants are set to be this year's must-have bedding plant. Marigold 'Strawberry Blonde' has high weather tolerance ensuring a long season of color in beds, border and containers. Great as a 'mixer' but it truly comes into its own when planted en masse in drifts or blocks.
- **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 6-8" tall and 6-8" wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 9-11, Annual, houseplant.
- **Foliage:** Small, lacy leaves.
- **Flower:** The color is delightful with the first flowers opening to as near a soft shade of strawberry-pink or peach melba as we have seen with a rustic yellow crest later ageing to more of a straw-yellow color. In early Spring growing conditions, flowers age and change color more slowly for maximum contrast. In warmer conditions, color changes faster with less distinct contrast.

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