Scent First Passion Dianthus



Very easy to grow and low maintenance! FRAGRANT!



Dianthus 'Scent First Passion'

- <u>Use:</u> The Scent First® series of Border Pinks recently arrived from England and are known for their spicy fragrance, compact habit and long season of bloom. This tall selection forms a low cushion of grassy, grey-blue foliage topped with double flowers featuring frilly, bright cherry-red petals that look like little double carnations. An excellent addition to the sunny rock garden, alpine trough and for edging. Attractive to butterflies. Plants should be trimmed lightly after blooming to maintain their tight, compact mound. The flower petals of all types of Dianthus are edible. This series bred by Whetman Pinks, Ltd., UK, was the recipient of the Royal Horticultural Society Award of Garden Merit (AGM).
- <u>Exposure/Soil</u>: Prefers full sun to part shade. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry to start. Little water needed once established.
- **<u>Growth</u>**: The habit is compact and mounding to a height of about 6-10" tall and 10-12" wide.
- *Hardiness: Zone* 5-9; Perennial
- *Foliage:* Evergreen; Glaucous grey-green foliage provides a stark contrast for these shockingly showy flowers.
- <u>Flower:</u> Jam-packed with petals, the delightful red flowers resemble perfect little roses. With its combination of spicy fragrance that lingers on a warm summer breeze. Though budding is most prolific in early summer, plants often rebloom in the fall. Prune off old flowers for longest bloom time.

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