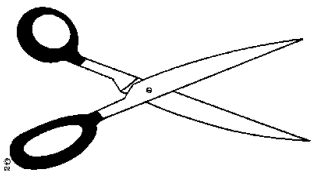


Alexander Fleming Peony



Named for the discoverer of penicillin, 'Doctor Alexander Fleming' is a Peony worthy of its namesake. Huge fragrant blooms great for cutting!



Paeonia lactiflora 'Alexander Fleming'

- **Use:** Peonies are classic garden plants that add a bit of nostalgia and charm to the garden. Their fragrant blooms and lush foliage have made them popular for years, and with the recent resurgence in breeding, they will continue to improve. Peonies are simple to grow and can be utilized in many ways, including mass plantings, specimens, or hedges. It is a cross between Sarah Bernhardt and Bunker Hill they share many characteristics. The big difference lies in the colour of Dr Alexander Fleming, which is two shades darker than Sarah Bernhardt. The two varieties are very complementary because of this colour variation.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full sun–light shade shade (not deep shade); Water regularly, when top 3” of soil is dry. Use slow release fertilizer twice a year. Once established needs only occasional water. Adding a little lime to soils helps. Planting in red clay or in wet areas is a death sentence.
- **Growth:** Grows 24 to 30 inches tall and wide
- **Hardiness:** Zone 3-8; Perennial / Protect from summer heat in our area.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Lobed leaves may go dormant in hot summers.
- **Flowers:** Bursting into bloom in June, the Doctor bears a heavy crop of 8”, almost spherical, perfumed blossoms of rose pink. Enjoy them in the garden or indoors in a vase. Midseason. It is a long-lasting Peony thanks to the large number of side buds, which extend its blooming season. Beautiful in the garden, it also makes outstanding cut flowers.
- **Tips:** Plant them shallow, mulch in the summer, take off the mulch in the winter, and they prefer a little afternoon shade. Cold winters will ensure lots of blossoms so plant them where they will get cold in the winter.

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