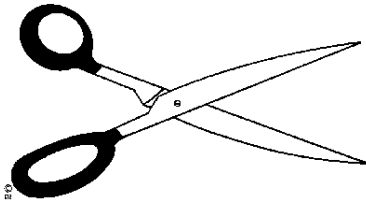


Peony Shirley Temple



**Huge
fragrant
blooms
great for
cutting!**

Paeonia lactiflora 'Shirley Temple'

- **Use:** This is the famous fully double white, named after the super-popular child star from the 1940s, and still a big favorite. The Peony is an extremely long lived, hardy, shrub-like plant. Once they're established, they're as hardy and dependable as oaks, creating a fantastic season of bloom in your yard year after year. The spreading clumps form hedges. Peonies are a standard of the perennial border, both as specimens and in groups. Also effective as accents or herbaceous hedges along fences, sidewalks, driveways or walls. Flowers are extremely showy, and foliage remains attractive throughout the growing season, either alone or as a frame or backdrop for other flowering perennials. Excellent cut flower.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full sun–light shade (not deep shade); Water regularly, when top 3" of soil is dry. Use slow release fertilizer twice a year in spring and fall. Once established needs only occasional water. In very hot summers it may go summer dormant.
- **Growth:** Grows 30-36 inches tall. Most peonies need the flowers staked.
- **Hardiness:** 3-8; Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Dark green lobed leaves.
- **Flowers:** Pink buds open to blush white & then develop into extremely large creamy white flowers. Free flowering and the strong stems make it a good cut flower.
- **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.