

# home & garden

## New dianthus colors created

The most widely available new flower this season will be a new dianthus called Magic Charms that has already captured the hearts of the seed industry.

It will be available in your favorite catalog or seed display.

Winner of an all - American award for 1974, it is the first hybrid dianthus mixture ever introduced - and what a magnificent flower it is. Flower colors include scarlet, crimson, white, pink, salmon and two unusual speckled bicolors never before seen in dianthus.

Magic Charms is early flowering for a dianthus, requiring less than 12 weeks from sowing to blooming. In most locations the plants will survive the winter for a repeat display the following spring.

Although seed can be direct - sown into the garden as soon as the ground can be

worked in spring, best results are assured if the seeds are started early indoors and transplanted.

The lovely flower display begins early in summer and lasts until late fall when the

best color effect is often produced. Plants grow six inches tall and are covered by clusters of 1½ - inch flowers.

A more common name for dianthus is pinks, but as new

colors were introduced, particularly the scarlet and crimson - the name dianthus has come into more common usage.

It is an old - fashioned flower that breeders have only

recently devoted special attention to, and Magic Charms represents the very latest development.

## Garden chatter

Certain varieties of vegetables are frost - hardy, which allows them to be planted early in the spring as soon as the soil can be worked, and they are usually the first to be harvested - even before some warm - weather crops can be safely planted.

Examples of the fastest - growing hardy vegetables to plant early are: radish, turnips, spinach, and loose - leaf lettuce. Slower maturing cool - weather vegetables include peas, beets, chard, head let-

tuce, parsley, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower and Brussels sprouts.

A number of flowers are frost hardy and can be sown into the garden early as soon as the soil can be worked. These include alyssum, calendulas, California poppies, cornflowers, dianthus, gloriosa daisies, gypsophila, hollyhock, larkspur, snapdragons, sweet peas and sweet william.

Other popular flowers need starting early indoors in order to get good size transplants after the soil has warmed up. These include petunias, impatiens, dahlias, and salvia.

Quick - growing flowering vines are often needed for growing up trellises or fences. Morning glories are probably the most popular choice for this purpose, and they are available in a bold display of colors including blue, white scarlet and pink.

Other interesting vines are canary creeper (yellow flowers), cardinal climber (red flowers), cypress vine (red and white), moonflowers (white), ornamental gourds (multi - colored fruits), and

thunbergia (yellow with black centers).

One of the most common tomato diseases is called blossom end - rot, and is recognized when the end of tomato fruits turn black. Contrary to popular belief, it is not a fungus disease, but is caused by inadequate or uneven watering.

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**GROWING TO PERFECTION** are several kinds of vegetables, including young cabbage (top), mature radish (center) and frilly loose-leaf lettuce (bottom). Boxes and bushel baskets provide ample growing space.

## Farmers' week at MSU

Spring vegetable gardeners will be especially interested in this year's horticulture program during the 59th annual Farmers' Week held at Michigan State University March 18-22.

A 15 - minute color film, "Vegetable Gardening," produced by the Chicago Horticultural Society, will be shown Tuesday, March 19, and Thursday, March 21, at half - hour intervals from 10 a.m. through 11:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. through 3:30 p.m. It will also be shown Wednesday, March 20, at 9 a.m.

Vegetable gardening will be the topic of various seminars held throughout the day

Wednesday, March 20. Some of the topic are: locating and planning the garden, home vegetable - garden - pests, what's new in vegetable gardening, harvesting and storing vegetables and recommended seed varieties.

The plant science greenhouse on Farm Lane and the horticulture teaching greenhouses adjacent to the Horticulture Building will be open to visitors daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A display of seed catalogs, bulletins and other vegetable gardening information will be located on the second floor of the Horticulture Building.

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