



Plug Connection®

Short & Sweet

Two series of semi-upright, compact potted spray-type carnations with pops of sweet blooms—available in a breathtaking range of colors.

[ADORABLE
+ROMANCE]
dianthus (carnations)



ADORABLE™ + ROMANCE™ Carnations

CARNATION *Dianthus caryophyllus*

Height 6–12”

Zones 7–11



ADORABLE

‘Annette’ PP17596

Blush pink
Medium height
Early to mid flowering



ADORABLE

‘Mahalo’ PP22483

Pink
Medium height
Mid to late flowering

TOP
SELLER



ADORABLE

‘Cheerful’ PP21365

Scarlet red
Short height
Early flowering



ADORABLE

‘Mana’ PP23538

Deep pink
Medium height
Mid to late flowering

TOP
SELLER



ADORABLE

‘Jade’ PP17222

Chartreuse green
Medium height
Mid to late flowering



ADORABLE

‘Mel’ PP14837

Yellow with red-orange picotee
Short height
Mid to late flowering



ADORABLE

‘Lani’ PP17060

Magenta with red picotee
Semi-short height
Mid to late flowering



ADORABLE

‘Mele’ PP23537

Soft yellow
Medium height
Early to mid flowering

TOP
SELLER



ADORABLE
'Miso' PP21363

Light pink with red picotee
Very short height
Very early flowering



ADORABLE
'Moonstone' PP17668

White
Medium height
Early to mid flowering

TOP
SELLER



ADORABLE
'Tiara' PP14797

Classic red
Semi-short height
Mid to late flowering

TOP
SELLER



ROMANCE
'Beleza' PP16359

Crimson red
Tall height
Late flowering



ROMANCE
'Chantilly' PP21361

Light pink with plum picotee
Medium-tall height
Mid to late flowering



ROMANCE
'Dream' PP10415

Pink with magenta picotee
Tall height
Mid flowering



ADORABLE 'Tiara'

The ADORABLE™ series was developed and bred by the California Florida Plant Company (CFPC) in Salinas, California. In 1987, they began breeding cut spray carnation varieties which also resulted in a line of dwarf carnations they recognized as ideal for the potted plant industry. The ADORABLE™ series was the first line of dwarf carnations patented and sold in the North American market, they led this market for over a decade. Primarily bred by the late Oscar Hasegawa, this legacy series is still unmatched in uniformity and array of colors.

Plug Connection is pleased to reintroduce the ADORABLE™ series with private stock established at our facility in Vista, CA. ADORABLE™ includes eleven varieties including bi-colors, picotees, classic and unusual solid colors. Plug Connection also offers the results of the continuous breeding program now managed by Snow Brand Seed in Japan, three varieties of slightly earlier and taller spray pot carnations varieties marketed under the ROMANCE™ series. *Licensed by the Snow Brand Seed Co., Ltd.*

CULTURAL INFORMATION

One (1) ADORABLE™ series liner per 4–4.5" pot (1 Pinch)
One (1) ROMANCE™ series liner per 6–6.5" pot (2 Pinches)

PLANTING

Finish year round or program for holiday sales.

CROP TIME

ADORABLE: Spring and summer 12–14 wks / winter
14–16 wks in 4–4.5" pots.

ROMANCE: Spring and summer 16–18 wks / winter
18–20 wks in 6–6.5" pots.

PINCHING

ADORABLE: Pinch when bud is visible and side shoots start to develop approximately 2–3 wks after liner planting. Pinch down just below first vegetative shoot. Groom to remove lateral buds to promote uniform flush of flowers at finish.

ROMANCE: 1st hard pinch when bud is visible and side shoots start to develop approximately 3 wks after liner planting—do not leave any buds on stem. 2nd hard pinch 7 wks after planting—all stems (shoots)

POTTING MEDIA

Well-drained and well-aerated (coarse) potting mix
pH 6.5–7.5 / EC 1.5–3.0

TEMPERATURE

Cool temperatures will improve plant quality. 65–75°F
days / 50–62°F nights—good air circulation—move air
with fans.

LIGHT

Full sun. High light improves plant quality.

IRRIGATION

Grow on the dry side, but do not dry media excessively.
Overhead watering is not recommended—water on
flowers can cause sleepy blooms and promote Botrytis.

FEEDING

Constant light feeding with every watering from planting
is recommended. Mix of calcium nitrate and potassium
nitrate with 1 PPM of boron (100-150 PPM-N).



ROMANCE 'Chantilly'



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