

# Versatile *Scabiosa*

With their richly-coloured heads of pincushion flowers, *Scabiosa* are firm favourites with arrangers. The new stronger-stemmed Scoop™ series from Danziger come in a wealth of colours and bicolours and are taking the flower world by storm.

Today the global cut flower industry wants rich textures, multi-petals, extra layers, intense colours and ‘full appearance’ flowers, so to answer this need, Danziger introduced the Scoop™ *Scabiosa* series. Breeders used new technology to reinvent this cottage-garden favourite and the Scoop series of strong-stemmed *Scabiosa* in a range of colours and bicolours is taking the flower world by storm. There are four Scoop series on offer.



Bon Bon Scoop series



## Bon Bon Scoop™

This amazing new series features both full and ball-shaped flowers with long, thick, strong pedicels and no pollen shed. It lasts up to four days longer than other *Scabiosa* cultivars.

## Focal Scoop™

The Focal Scoop series is composed of a wide range of colours and textures and its large 8–10cm diameter heads (regular Scoop has 4–6cm), with thicker stems, provide a new option to the world of focal flowers.



Scoop series

## Scoop®

Answering the global trend of rich, cushion-style flowers, the Scoop series of *Scabiosa* features richly-coloured flowers that are very versatile because they can be used in arrangements as closed and open blooms and even after the leaves have fallen.

### Which *Scabiosa* colours are proving most popular?

Blackberry, red velvet, lavender, candy (pink), bicolour – pink and white and white.

### What is the vase life of Scoop *Scabiosa*?

The vase life should be about 10 days, depending on the right cut stage, treatment and so on. These flowers can be ethylene sensitive so take care if placed close to fruit and vegetables.

### Are any more Scoop series in the pipeline?

New cultivars planned for 2021 include: Raspberry Ripple Scoop, Sweet Cherry Scoop, Dark Cherry Scoop and Marshmallow Improved Scoop together with Blackberry Focal Scoop.

Dark Lavender, French Vanilla, Merlot and Pink Peppermint are additions planned for the Bon Bon Scoop series.





**Scabiosa flower heads have wonderful texture and form. Which types have the largest flowers?**

All the new introductions in the Scoop series have thicker stems and bigger than average flowers, especially in 'Red Velvet Scoop', but the biggest blooms belong to the Focal Scoop and Bon Bon Scoop series.



**Can you dry Scabiosa?**

Some *Scabiosa* can be dried and last for a long time. *Scabiosa stellata*, which can also be grown in the garden, dries beautifully. Harvest fresh seed heads and air dry by hanging in a warm, well-ventilated place. However, the Scoop *Scabiosa* are not suitable for drying and their beautiful blooms should be appreciated in all their glory in the fresh bloom state.

**Have you any design tips you can give our readers?**

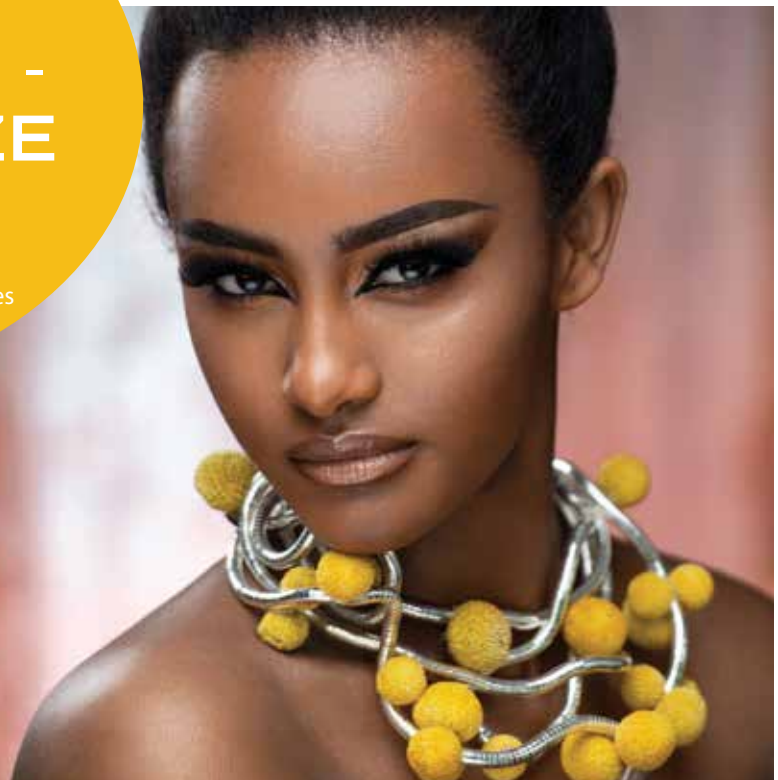
Scoop *Scabiosa* are designed for their long-lasting qualities, so you need to give the blooms sufficient space to continue to develop and open. Its colour and texture evolves each day for a continuous surprise.

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