



## **Scent First® Tall Romance Dianthus**

*Dianthus 'Wp09 Wen04'*

Plant Height: 8 inches

Flower Height: 12 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight: 

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Border Pinks, Cheddar Pinks

Group/Class: Scent First Series

### **Description:**

Vigorous and free flowering, this selection features frilly salmon pink flowers with a spicy fragrance, above a low compact mound of gray-green foliage; easy to grow, deadhead to promote reblooming; perfect for rock gardens, borders, beds or containers

### **Ornamental Features**

Scent First Tall Romance Dianthus has masses of beautiful fragrant salmon frilly flowers with pink overtones and a red ring at the ends of the stems from mid spring to early fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive narrow leaves remain grayish green in color with hints of powder blue throughout the year.

### **Landscape Attributes**

Scent First Tall Romance Dianthus is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a mounded form. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Scent First Tall Romance Dianthus is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Scent First Tall Romance Dianthus  
flowers*

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### Planting & Growing

Scent First Tall Romance Dianthus will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity extending to 12 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 10 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evergreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. To help this plant achieve its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Scent First Tall Romance Dianthus is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.