# Zydeco™ Fire Zinnia

***Zinnia 'Zydeco Fire'***

Height:  20 inches

Spread:  20 inches

Spacing:  14 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone:  (annual)

Group/Class:  Zydeco Series



*Zydeco Fire Zinnia flowers*
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**Description:**

This vigorous, well branched variety features long lived, fully double flowers of orange-red; heat and drought tolerant, with excellent disease resistance; creates a lasting impact in beds or along borders; an excellent cut flower

**Ornamental Features**

Zydeco Fire Zinnia features bold fully double orange ball-shaped flowers with red overtones and buttery yellow eyes at the ends of the stems from mid spring to late summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

**Landscape Attributes**

Zydeco Fire Zinnia is an herbaceous annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Zydeco Fire Zinnia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets



*Zydeco Fire Zinnia in bloom*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

**Planting & Growing**

Zydeco Fire Zinnia will grow to be about 16 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 14 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. To help this plant achive 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.

Zydeco Fire Zinnia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.