

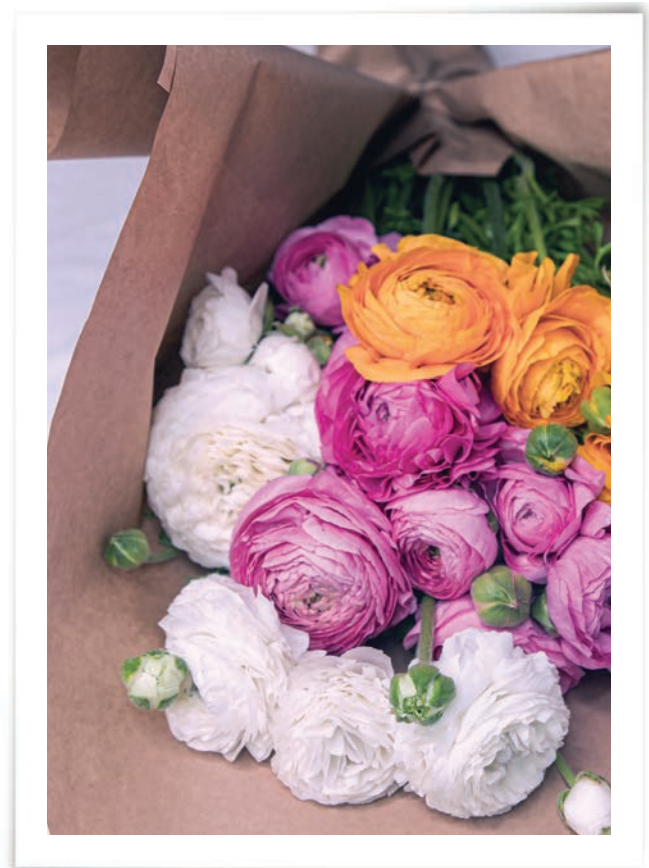
Ranunculus Elegance

- Blooms are big and uniform
- Elegance has the most consistent flowerhead size
- Florists delight in the colours available
- Suitable for greenhouse production

Elegance ranunculus carry a unique range of colours. Their stems are shorter (30cm-50cm) with their buds making up for their height, with paper-thin petals nestled into a swirly bud perched onto a flexible, bright green stem. They look so intricate they are reminiscent of papier-mâché.

High quality Ranunculus is best obtained with cool night temperatures and short day conditions. Low temperatures and high light levels will result in large flowers with an intense colour.

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CULTURAL INFORMATION

Ranunculus asiaticus

CROP TIME: Allow 8 to 10 weeks from plug to flower.

PLANTING DENSITY: One plant per 15 x 20cm netting square.

PRE-PLANTING:

- **MEDIA:** Select a porous media that drains well. This is important during the cool season when temperatures and light levels are low, and media is slow to dry.

- **pH:** 5.8 to 6.0

TEMPERATURES: 14°-16°C 2-3 weeks, until the roots have reached the edges of pots. Once established lower temperature to 10°-13°C.

FERTILISATION: 14-4-14 or 17-5-17 at 100-150 ppm to maintain an EC of 1.25-1.75. Provide 10-15 ppm phosphorus.

LIGHTNING: Ranunculus initiates the highest flower count and the best growth under the natural days for spring production. Daylength extension in combination with high light will promote earlier flowering.

PINCHING: Plants are ready for pinch about 3 weeks after planting. This results in well established plants, many shoots and good quality of flowering branches right from the start.

HARVEST: Harvesting is done with 2-3 whorls open- not completely open flowers.

POST HARVEST: The flowers should be placed in a standing position throughout the whole process including shipments & marketing.

INSECTS AND DISEASES:

- Cercospora ranunculi
- Pythium Root Rot
- Botrytis
- Tomato
- Spotted Wilt Virus
- Aphids
- Whitefly
- Leaf miner
- Thrips
- Fungus Gnats