

The colours of Christmas

NOVEMBER IS THE PERFECT TIME TO GET CRACKING AND PLANT UP SOME FESTIVE POTS AND PLANTERS

Traditionally, white, red and silver are the colours we associate with Christmas. Luckily, nature provides some wonderful options in this palette. Some have the bonus of fragrance for added festive impact.

Beautifully scented dianthus are a good size for planting in a decorative container and utilising as a table centrepiece, instead of cut flowers. Plant them in the garden once Christmas is over.

Award-winning Dianthus 'Memories' has pure white double flowers over silver-blue foliage. With

its wonderfully evocative perfume sparking memories of gardens past, it makes a superb gift for someone special. If you'd prefer a splash of red, try Dianthus 'Rebekah', 'Passion' or the new and vibrant Dianthus 'Scarlet Delight'.

As time is short, consider fast-growing options in red and white for larger feature planters or pots. Federation daisy 'Purity' is quick to establish and produces masses of double, pure white blooms.

The Inca Astroemerias make excellent pot subjects. In Christmas



Inca Concordia

colours, try beautiful new release, 'Inca Amsterdam' in pure red, or 'Inca Concordia' for a lovely white option.

New this year, Lavender 'Snow Princess' produces abundant soft white flowers. Lavenders are happy pot specimens and are fairly fast to establish. 🌱

Explore the colour wheel for more options at livingfashion.co.nz/plants/colour/



LEFT: Dianthus Memories
BELOW: Inca Amsterdam



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: **Lavender Snow Princess, Dianthus Passion, Federation Daisy Purity, Dianthus Scarlet Delight.**

Festive pot and container tips

- Use the best possible quality potting mix with Saturaid and slow release nutrition included.
- Water thoroughly and often: summer pots dry out fast, especially smaller pots in full sun positions.
- Plant 3-5 plants close together for faster impact. Then plant extras out in the garden once Christmas is over and done.

