

ColourMax 4 - Magic Roundabout

100% Annual Flower Seed Mix

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Magic Roundabout Annual Flower Seed Mix contains twenty four annual flower species and is ideal for creating a splash of colour and a food source for Bees, butterflies and other pollinators.

The species included in this mixture create an attractive display from May to October and is suitable for creating habitats across a diverse range of soil types. It is ideal for use in areas containing a range of micro climates or where there are no particular conditions to overcome.

Magic Roundabout supports bees, butterflies and other pollinators as it contains 78% of species recommended by the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) as 'Perfect for Pollinators'.



Mixture Contents:

Common Name	Latin Name	Quantity	Flowers	Height	Type
1 Baby Blue Eyes	Nemophila	2.8%	Jun - Oct	10 - 15cm	Annual
2 Campion, Mixed	Silene	5.3%	Apr - Oct	35 - 50cm	Perennial
3 Chinese Aster	Callistephus	2.8%	Aug - Sep	20 - 80cm	Annual
4 Convolvulus	Convolvulus	2.8%	Jul - Oct	25 - 35cm	Annual
5 Cornflower	Centaurea cyanus	5.3%	Jun - Oct	20 - 80cm	Annual
6 Cynoglossum	Cynoglossum	7.9%	Jun - Sep	35 - 45cm	Annual
7 Flame Flower	Tropaeolum	13%	Jun - Oct	15 - 35cm	Annual
8 Gilia	Gilia	5.3%	Jun - Sep	50 - 70cm	Annual
9 Godetia	Godetia	3.9%	Jun - Sep	35 - 50cm	Annual
10 Helichrysum	Helichrysum	3.9%	Jun - Sep	70 - 90 cm	Annual
11 Livingstone Daisy	Dorotheanthus	5.5%	Jun - Sep	35 - 50cm	Annual
12 Marigold, Common	Calendula officinalis	5.3%	Jul - Oct	30 - 50cm	Annual
13 Petunia	Petunia	1.3%	Jun - Oct	35 - 50cm	Annual
14 Poppy, Californian	Eschscholzia californica	15%	Jun - Sep	30 - 70cm	Annual
15 Poppy, Common	Papaver rhoeas	1.3%	May - Jul	50 - 70cm	Annual
16 Reseda	Reseda	5.3%	Jun - Sep	35 - 50cm	Annual
17 Sweet Alyssum	Lobularia	2.8%	Jun - Oct	20 - 30cm	Annual
18 Wallflower	Cheiranthus	6.6%	May - Nov	30 - 45cm	Annual
19 Zinnia	Zinnia	3.9%	Jul - Oct	30 - 60cm	Annual

Contains:



Sowing Rate: 3g/sqm



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Prepare the Ground

Magic Roundabout Annual Flower Seed Mix performs well in most soil types. For best results sow into bare soil after clearing all existing plants and weeds from the area.

Cultivate the ground to a depth of 10cm to relieve compaction and create a fine level tilth, free from obstructions (to allow for mowing at a later stage). Finish the seedbed by treading or lightly rolling the area, so that it is firm enough to stand on without leaving indentations.

Where weeds have been prevalent, allow a flush of weeds to germinate and remove these before sowing. In areas of high fertility, it may be necessary to remove the topsoil and sow into the subsoil. High nutrient soils encourage weeds and fast growing grasses which may outcompete the flowers in this mixture.

BSA Annual Flower Seed Mix can be used to overseed into existing grassland, provided the sward comprises only fine leaved grasses and does not include ryegrass, agricultural species or weeds. Cut the grass as short as possible and thoroughly scarify or rake the ground to remove any thatch, moss and other debris from the area.

Sowing

Magic Roundabout Annual Flower Seed Mix can be sown in March or November. Spring and autumn provide ideal conditions as moisture and warmth are in good supply. If overseeding into grass, it is best to sow during autumn when grass growth has slowed down.

Distribute seed with a handheld or pedestrian spreader, at the recommended sowing rate of 3g/sqm. Mix the flower seeds with an inert carrier (such as sharp sand), at a ratio of four parts sand to one part seed (by weight). This makes it easier to achieve an even distribution and also provides a visual marker, making it easier to see any missed patches and avoid seeding areas twice.

Regularly mix the seed when sowing, as seeds will naturally separate due to variations in size and weight.

Once sown, ensure good 'seed to soil' contact by lightly raking to a depth of 0.5cm or rolling the area. When overseeding this encourages the seeds to fall down to the ground underneath.

It is also possible to broadcast, drill or hydroseed this mixture for larger or hard to reach areas. However, broadcast spreading throws heavier seeds further so this may impact the distribution and when drilling, the seed must not be buried deeper than 0.7cm.

Sowing Rate

The sowing rate of 3g/sqm is designed to produce optimum results. Reducing the sowing rate is likely to result in invasion from weed species. Increasing the sowing rate generally leads to reduced diversity as the more aggressive species will outcompete slower growing plants.

This rate also applies when overseeding into grassland as many seeds may fail to germinate due to the increased competition from the existing grasses, and some seeds not reaching the soil surface.

Maintenance First Year

Magic Roundabout contains annual species, which are fast to establish and flower. During the first year remove any weeds. Weed growth is common due to the action of disturbing the ground (rather than being caused by contaminated seed mixtures).

After flowering the plants will naturally die back over the winter. Allow the plants to run to seed in autumn then cut the area down using a scythe, strimmer or mower, leaving the cuttings for up to a week before clearing the area. This will allow them to dry and shed seeds back into the soil.

Second Year

Depending on your sowing preference, cultivate the ground and reseed in September or March.

Over several years of reseeded, a rich seed bank will develop and simply disturbing the soil again in early spring will be sufficient to regenerate the flowers each year.



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