



A variety of colorful chrysanthemums with greens of mock orange make a fragrant floral display.



Cynthia Brian wishes you a Happy Halloween.

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Mums look gorgeous in pots placed on the patio or porch. Flowers can be as tiny as a quarter or as large as a plate. They are great in borders and beds and can grow to three feet tall and two feet wide. You might need to stake your plants if they get too big. It is important to note that chrysanthemums that are bought in florist foil will be great for indoors or as a holiday gift, but most likely will not have the toughness to be transplanted in the garden. If you want mums for your landscape, buy them at a nursery.

With minimal care, your mums will thrive and be the stars of your fall garden, alongside the growing gourds, pumpkins, and of course the spooky skeletons, scarecrows, zombies, and Jack-o-Lanterns of a Halloween graveyard.

Visit your chrysanthemums and revel in a safe and scary Halloween! Mum is the word! Happy Gardening. Happy Growing! Happy Halloween

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