

Dahlia Bloom Form Guide

Form	Size	Image(s)
Formal Decorative <i>Ray florets (petals) are generally flat, broad and smooth in a regular arrangement that gradually recurve toward the stem. The shape is perfectly symmetrical.</i>	Small (under 6")	 <i>Clearview Butterscotch</i>
	Large (over 6")	
Informal Decorative <i>The ray florets (petals) are twisted, curled, or wavy and of uniform size in an irregular arrangement. They may be partially involute (curved toward the face) or revolute (curved back).</i>	Small (under 6")	 <i>Hollyhill Black Beauty</i>
	Large (over 6")	
Balls <i>Blooms are ball-shaped with uniform ray florets (petals), involute (rolled forward). The petals will reflex toward the stem, completely filling the floral head, and are rounded or blunt without notches/points.</i>	(over 3")	

Pompon

Blooms are ball-shaped with uniform ray florets (petals), involute (rolled forward). The petals will reflex toward the stem, completely filling the floral head, and are rounded or blunt without notches/points.

(under 3")



Jackie's Red Devil

Cactus

Ray florets (petals) are narrow at the base, straight, uniform in length, and reflex toward the stem radiating uniformly from the center. They are revolute (curved to the underside) for most of their length and fully revolute for at least half of their length.

-----Semi-Cactus-----

Ray florets (petals) are broad at the base, straight or incurved, and reflex toward the stem in a uniform arrangement. They are revolute for approximately half their length and fully revolute for at least a fourth of their length.

-----Incurved-----

Ray florets (petals) are pointed, narrow at the base, uniform in length and arrangement. They are fully revolute for at least half their length. They will curve upward to the bloom face, are downward and then up, or swirl horizontally.

Stellar

Ray florets (petals) are long and narrow along the length with pointed tips preferred, like a star. Petals will recurve toward the stem. Standard flower is over 2 inches in diameter. Micro or Mignon is up to 2 inches.



Carol's Spanish Dancer

Cactus



Jackie Evangelista

Semi-Cactus



Jackie Mae Staas

Incurved Cactus



Baron Ron

Stellar

Waterlily <i>Cupped ray florets (petals) with rounded tips. The side view should be flat or saucer-shaped. A Waterlily should have 4-7 rows of fully developed petals. A Micro Waterlily may have less rows. Standard flower is over 2 inches in diameter. Micro or Mignon is up to 2 inches.</i>		<i>Cameo</i>
Anemone <i>A dome of elongated tubular disc florets (petals), surrounded by one or more rows of ray florets (petals), balanced and framing the dome center. Standard flower is over 2 inches in diameter. Micro or Mignon is up to 2 inches.</i> Collarette <i>Single row of flat or slightly cupped ray florets (petals) arranged on a flat plane, with petaloids forming a "collar" around the open center. Eight petals are most desirable. Standard flower is over 2 inches in diameter. Micro or Mignon is up to 2 inches.</i>		<i>Baron Waiva</i> Anemone <i>Baron Wendy</i> Collarette

Orchid

Single row of uniform, evenly spaced ray florets (petals) arranged in a flat plane around an open-center. Petals are rolled in at the tips. Eight petals are most desirable. Standard flower is over 2 inches in diameter. Micro or Mignon is up to 2 inches.

Orchette

Much like the Orchid, but with a "collar" of petaloids as in the Collarette. Standard flower is over 2 inches in diameter. Micro or Mignon is up to 2 inches.



Verrone's Obsidian

Orchid



Baron Nikki

Orchette