

FLAMING ACRES DAHLIAS

THE DAHLIA *Keeper Guide*

WHAT THIS SEASON CAN TEACH
YOU ABOUT THE NEXT





BEFORE THE *Season Slips Away*



Every season in the garden leaves behind lessons, surprises, and memories we never want to lose.

Take a slow walk through your dahlia garden. Notice the blooms that filled you with joy. Remember the varieties that performed beautifully—and the ones that didn't quite fit.

*This isn't about judging your garden.
It's about remembering it.*

By taking a few moments now to write things down, you'll create a guide for next year's you—the one who is planning, planting, dreaming, and starting all over again.

*Let's capture the beauty, the lessons,
and the little moments that made
this season yours.*



TODAY IN THE GARDEN



Today's Date: _____

The weather: _____

How my garden is feeling right now:

I'm most looking forward to:



THE DAHLIAS

I'd Grow Again

Some dahlias steal our hearts and earn a permanent place in the garden. Use this page to remember the varieties that brought you the most joy—the ones you'll want to grow again next season.

VARIETY NAME (If known)	COLOR	FORM	BLOOM SIZE (inches)	HEIGHT (feet)	PRODUCTIVITY (Low, Medium, or High)	WHY I'D GROW IT AGAIN... ♡
✿						
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MY GARDEN *Standouts*



Every garden has its shining stars.
Use this page to celebrate the dahlias that stood out
and made this season extra special.

Remember the ones that made you smile!



EARLIEST BLOOMER

Variety: _____



MOST PRODUCTIVE

Variety: _____



BEST CUT FLOWER

Variety: _____



STRONGEST STEMS

Variety: _____



LONGEST LASTING

Variety: _____



POLLINATOR FAVORITE

Variety: _____



MOST BEAUTIFUL

Variety: _____



BIGGEST SURPRISE

Variety: _____



NOTES & MEMORIES ♡



DAHLIA CARE TIPS

Learned This Year

Every growing season teaches us something new. Use this page to record what worked well, what challenges you encountered, and helpful tips you want to remember for next year.



WATERING

How often did you water?
What worked best for your garden?



FERTILIZER

What type did you use? When did you apply it?
Did you notice a difference in growth or blooms?



INSECT CHALLENGES

What pests did you see this year?
How did you manage them?



WEATHER CONDITIONS

What were this year's weather highlights?
(Heat, cold, rain, wind, smoke, etc.)



LATE BLOOMERS

Which varieties bloomed later than expected?
Notes for next year.



DISAPPOINTING SITUATIONS

Were there any varieties that didn't perform as hoped?
Poor germination, low blooms, disease, etc.

LESSONS & IDEAS FOR NEXT YEAR ♡



WORTH THE Garden Space?

Garden space is precious! Use this page to evaluate the dahlias that grew in your garden this season. This will help you decide which ones earn a place next year.

It's not about perfection—just what works for you.

VARIETY NAME (if known)	WOULD I GROW IT AGAIN? 	DID IT BLOOM ENOUGH? 	DID I LIKE ITS GROWTH HABIT? 	WAS IT USEFUL FOR BOUQUETS? 	WOULD I RECOMMEND IT TO A FRIEND? 	NOTES (Why or why not?)
	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	
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WHAT I'M LEARNING ABOUT MY GARDEN THIS YEAR





COLORS

I Loved Together



Some color combinations just feel like magic.
Use this page to remember the color pairings and
combinations that made your garden—and your bouquets—
extra beautiful this season.

Let these colors inspire next year's garden.



COLOR COMBINATIONS I LOVED THIS YEAR ♡



1



Where I used it: _____

Why I loved it: _____

2



Where I used it: _____

Why I loved it: _____

3



Where I used it: _____

Why I loved it: _____

4



Where I used it: _____

Why I loved it: _____

5



Where I used it: _____

Why I loved it: _____

COLORS I WANT TO TRY TOGETHER ♡

1



2



3



NOTES & IDEAS FOR NEXT YEAR ♡





MY FAVORITE *Bouquets*



Some bouquets stay with us long after the blooms have faded.
Use this page to remember the combinations
that brought you the most joy this season.

Beauty grows when we remember.



1 FOCAL DAHLIAS

✿ SUPPORTING BLOOMS

🌿 FOLIAGE & TEXTURE

♡ WHY I LOVED IT

A BOUQUET I'D LOVE TO RECREATE... ♡



2 FOCAL DAHLIAS

✿ SUPPORTING BLOOMS

🌿 FOLIAGE & TEXTURE

♡ WHY I LOVED IT

A BOUQUET I'D LOVE TO RECREATE... ♡



3 FOCAL DAHLIAS

✿ SUPPORTING BLOOMS

🌿 FOLIAGE & TEXTURE

♡ WHY I LOVED IT

A BOUQUET I'D LOVE TO RECREATE... ♡



OTHER COMBINATIONS I WANT TO TRY ♡





PHOTOGRAPH *Before You Forget*

Photos help us hold on to the beauty, the details, and the memories.

Use this checklist as a gentle reminder to capture the moments that matter most in your garden this season.

The photos you take today become the memories you'll treasure tomorrow.



PHOTO CHECKLIST



Individual blooms
Capture their beauty up close.

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Entire plants
Step back and take in the whole picture.

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Labels beside blooms
So you'll always remember their names.

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Favorite combinations
The colors and pairings that made you smile.

☐


Bouquets
Remember the ones you cut and shared.

☐


Garden views
Paths, beds, and the bigger picture of your garden.

☐


Imperfect moments
The happy accidents, the quirky blooms, the real and beautiful parts of gardening.

☐

Don't forget...



Take photos in different light.



Include details—the little things tell the best stories.



Your future self will be so glad you did!



A FEW FAVORITE SHOTS FROM THIS SEASON ♥





WHAT MY GARDEN Taught Me

Gardens are more than flowers—
they teach us patience, joy, humility, and so much more.
Take a moment to reflect on the lessons
this season has planted in your heart.
Every lesson helps you grow.



❁ SOMETHING THAT WORKED BEAUTIFULLY... ♡



❁ SOMETHING I WOULD DO DIFFERENTLY... ♡



❁ A VARIETY THAT SURPRISED ME... ♡



❁ SOMETHING I LEARNED ABOUT MY GARDEN... ♡



*The beauty of gardening
is not just in the blooms,
but in the lessons
that help us grow.*



A NOTE TO Next Year's Me

Dear next year's me,
You will forget some things.

That's okay.

This journal is here to help you remember
the beauty, the lessons, and the joy
that this garden gave you.



♥ Remember – what made your heart happy this season. ♥

♥ Remember – the small moments that meant the most. ♥

♥ Remember – the lessons your garden taught you. ♥

♥ Remember – that growth takes time, patience, and faith. ♥

A MESSAGE TO MYSELF...



You are...

♥ A dreamer

♥ A doer

♥ A nurturer

♥ A creative soul

♥ A lover of beauty

♥ A steward of the earth

♥ A child of God

♥ Exactly who you need to be
for such a time as this.

♥

*May your future garden be even more beautiful
than you can imagine.*

Keep growing. Keep dreaming. Keep blooming.



Gardens remind us that beautiful things
often grow slowly... and that's part of the magic.

Thank you for allowing Flaming Acres
to be a small part of your growing season.
We look forward to growing with you again.

