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Hardy pink

Few gardeners should really need much help or advice in growing hardy pinks. Examples of the many thousands of different named varieties feature in one way or another in the vast majority of herbaceous borders and alpine gardens throughout the UK.

Burncoose stocks a dozen or so of the most popular varieties of hardy pink. We do not stock carnations. Pinks and carnations are similar in habit and flower but pinks are generally shorter growing with fewer petals in their flowers. Both are ideal for cutting and specialist growers produce carnations under polythene for the UK flower markets.

A 'traditional' English country garden will contain pinks and so should yours! Our bestseller is undoubtedly the exquisitely scented Dianthus 'Mrs Sinkins'. It is a very old fashioned variety with white flowers and deeply fringed petals.

You can view most of the varieties which we grow in these pictures. All our dianthus are totally hardy, perpetual flowering and can be propagated (even in a windowsill jam jar) from non-flowering shoots in summer.