DAHLIA FORM	FORM DESCRIPTION	EXAMPLE
Formal Decorative	Petals generally flat, broad & smooth in a regular arrangement that gradually recurve toward the stem.	
Informal Decorative	Petals generally twisted, curled or wavy, of uniform size in irregular arrangement. May be involute or revolute	
Semi-Cactus	Petals broad at base, straight or incurved, and reflex toward the stem in uniform arrangement.	
Straight Cactus	Petals narrow at base, straight, uniform in length and reflex toward the stem, radiating uniformly from the center.	

Incurved Cactus	Petals pointed, narrow at base, uniform in length, curving upward toward the bloom face, or swirl horizontally	
Laciniated	Petals split at tip, varying according to the size of the petal.	
Ball	Blooms are ball-shaped with uniform florets, and reflexing toward the stem, completely filling the floral head without notches/points	
Miniature Ball	Same as ball, except smaller, between 2-3.5 inches in diameter.	

Pompon	Petals are much the same as a ball, except that the size is less than two inches in diameter	
Stellar	Petals long and narrow along the length with pointed tips preferred, like a star, and will recurve toward the stem	
Waterlily	Cupped petals, rounded tips, w/a flat side view to a saucer-shaped, closed center but open faced to give a delicate appearance.	
Novelty Fully Double	Distinctly different from other forms with good symmetry, tight closed center, with petals arranged differently from other forms.	

Peony	Two to five rows of petals around an open center, with broad, slightly cupped petals, flat, not recurving to stem	
Anemone	A dome of elongated tubular disc petals, surround by one or mor rows of petals, balanced and framing the center.	
Novelty Open	Open-centered dahlia distinctly different from other forms, with the disc center proportional to the petals	
Collarette	Single row of flat or slightly cupped petals arranged on a flat plane, with petaloids forming a "collar" around open center	

Orchid	Single row of uniform evenly spaced petals arranged in a flat plane around open-center, and petals rolled in at the tips.	
Orchette	Much like the orchid, but with the "collar" of petaloids as in the collarette.	
Single	Single row of flat or slightly cupped petals arranged in a flat plane. Uniformly overlapping, with no gaps, 8 petals are most desirable	
Mignon Single	Same formation as single dahlias except that they have round petal tips and are under two inches in diameter	