

# Hydrangea

To me all flowers are a symbol of life, growth and beauty, that speaks of a loving creator. Any person who takes the time to gaze upon the face of any flower, should be amazed with the wonder of it, whether for the intricacy, pleasing sent or beauty. I favour, quite a few different flowers for different reasons, all because of positive connotations and the hydrangea is one of them.

At first close up look at the hydrangea, each flower seems to consist of a cluster of smaller flowers that form a bigger flower head. The flowers grow from a leafy bush that can become quite big, if it has enough space and a positive environment, not unlike humans.

Another fascinating thing about hydrangeas is that the ph-balance of this soil from which it grows will greatly influence the colours of the flowers. Each flower rather comes in shades of a colour or two or even more. Imagine, allowing your gaze to flow through a big beautiful garden and as you look towards a flourishing corner your eyes are met by an ocean of pastel colours...flowing from shades of pink into shade of blues and merging purples. Imagine this soft sea of colours gently swaying in the breeze, with a calm and pleasing movement. The mere thought of it chondrus up joy and brings me back to pleasing childhood memories. Just for a moment I transform back into the little girl that comes from the desert, gasping at the mere beauty of the magical flowing colours. That little girl could have never imagined beauty like it existed, before that moment.

Today I know that hydrangeas come in many more colours, as well as different shapes and textures. (Some of the categories that you find in hydrangeas are : smooth; bigleaf; panicle; climbing; mountain and oakleaf.) Some of the flowers are well rounded like a giant pom-poms. You also get some in soft cone shapes or with slightly scatted or lacy appearance. To me they are all beautiful!

Thankfully hydrangeas adopt fairly well to growing in pots, when minded well. This allows people with small gardens or those with just a balcony area to grow some. Unfortunately for those individuals they might have a hard time choosing their favourite hydrangea from the vast choice combinations, as at least 233 varieties are documented so far.

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