A stunning combination of new and old describes ‘Zahara Starlight Rose.’ Zinnias are old-fashioned flowers but these rose and white flowers are a new bicolor for this sun loving class of annuals. Other new traits are the proven resistances to leaf spot and mildew, which can devastate healthy plants and cause an early death. These superior qualities resulted in long lasting zinnia plants that provide generous color all season. ‘Zahara Starlight Rose’ is heat and drought tolerant, easy to grow in gardens. A perfect plant for the novice or experienced gardener because it is so undemanding with a maximum number of blooms. The mature plants are mid-sized, about 12 to 14 inches tall and wide, large enough to make a bold statement in containers or patio urns. Gardeners will be able to grow ‘Zahara Starlight Rose’ from seed or plants. This new zinnia was bred by PanAmerican Seed Co.

AAS® Winner Data

Genus species: Zinnia marylandica
Common name: Zinnia
Unique qualities: First rose and white bicolor zinnia, with disease resistance
Flower size: 2.5 inches
Flower form: Composite, single flower
Flower color: Rose and white bicolor
Plant height: 12 to 14 inches
Plant width: 12 to 14 inches
Garden spacing: 10 to 12 inches
Garden location: Full sun
Length of time from sowing seed to flower: 61 days
Closest comparisons on market: ‘Profusion White,’ ‘Profusion Cherry’