

# Chrysanthemum Classes

Chrysanthemums are divided by the National Chrysanthemum Society into thirteen different chrysanthemum classifications each representing different flower forms.

Each chrysanthemum flower is actually composed of hundreds of florets or small flowers.



## Irregular Incurve

Large blooms with petals curving upward and inward, creating a loose and informal pattern



## Reflex

Shaped like a flattened globe, these blooms have petals that overlap in an elegant, irregular pattern. “Reflex” refers to the way the petals bend downward and out.



## Regular Incurve

Known as “football mums” for their soccer-ball shape with smoothly arranged petals, curving tightly up and inward.



## Decorative

This flattened globe has petals that extend outward and somewhat downward, though not as much as in the reflex form. Sometimes the ends of the petals are fringed or wispy and delicate in appearance.



## Intermediate Incurve

This form is similar to the regular incurve but with petals arranged more loosely. At times the lower petals may reflex or bend downwards.



## Pompon

Petals curve either upwards or downwards in a round, globular shape. These blooms range greatly in size from as small as a button to as large as a softball.



## Single and Semi-Double

These blooms are reminiscent of a daisy,  
with petals extending outward  
around a circular center.





## Anemone

The anemone style also looks like a daisy, but with a much larger center disk.

The center disks range from flat to hemispherical surrounded by short petals .



## Spoon

The “spoons” of each floret face upwards,  
radiating out from the center disk.



## Quill

Thin, tubular florets push out from the center of these blooms. The tips of the “quills” vary.



## Spider

This delicate bloom has long, wispy petals that end in coils or hooks.

The spider bloom petals are tubular.



## Brush or Thistle

These brush-like blooms have narrow, tubular petals sticking either up or out masking the center disk.



## Unclassified Exotic

The unclassified exotics often share characteristics of two or more bloom styles or are considered distinctive and unique and do not fall into any other category.