

The Best of Both Worlds!

Itoh Peonies are hybrids that have the best traits of both types of Peonies: the colorful and exotic flowers of tree Peonies, with the perennial growing cycle of herbaceous Peonies. Named for Toichi Itoh, the first breeder to successfully create such a hybrid, they are also known as intersectional hybrids. Itoh Peonies tend to resemble tree varieties, with a domed, vigorous growth habit and large double flowers with disease-resistant lacy, dark green foliage.

As many as 50 blooms will appear in a single season due to their ability to produce primary and secondary buds. Strong stems make them ideal as cut flowers. These beauties are prized for their intense colors, greater vigor and excellent resistance to Peony blight (*botrytis paeoniae*). Four Monrovia exclusives that are absolutely spectacular are Keiko (adored) and Yumi (beauty), Takara (treasure) and Misaka (beautiful blossom). The Japanese names reflect both the country of origin and their stunning beauty.

