



Mother's Finest

Sensi Seed Bank



Photos: Perhaps

Mother's Finest is an uplifting sativa-dominant ganja that loves to grow. This homebody prefers the great indoors, but she can grow in all regions of the southern hemisphere or in warm sunny climates below 40 degrees North latitude.

Mother's Finest can be vegetated to fill a whole room or cage with a single plant, a boon for growers with plant number limitations. Almost any size is possible; expect an increase in height by a factor of three to five during flowering. With a starting size of 12-16 inches (30-40 cm), the typical finishing size (although not the maximum) is 4½ to 5¼ feet (140-160 cm). Some phenotypes express the strain's subdued indica background, finishing significantly faster. These plants will still gain a lot

of height as they flower.

Mother's Finest is great for training or super-cropping. Keeping these plants short (which enables sea of green cultivation) is possible with a little care. In order to do so, clones need to be flowered as soon as they root (4-6in/10-15cm). Flowering within a few days of pruning can keep replacement stems compact, but won't stop them from appearing. This strain's branches have a strong, distinctly upward slant, like a poplar. Her long, firm stems root easily, which is great for cloning; mother plants can be re-used for years.

This variety stays green and healthy with a lower than usual dose of hydro nutrient. She is not as sensitive as some sativas, but definitely not as nutrient-hungry as a straight indica. She finishes in 7-10 weeks; most phenotypes require 9 weeks or more for full maturity. Indoor plant yields average 500 grams per square meters in gardens with reasonable ceiling heights. SOG yields are closer to 350 grams per square meter.

In addition to the impressive lengths that the branches and buds can reach on this variety, growers will be amazed with the amount of resin glands smothering them. The dense sticky covering along with the sparseness of the slender light green leaves make this plant less hospitable to spider mites, who can't walk on this surface or spin their unwelcome webs.

Her buds are spears with small peaks of calyxes growing outward in all directions, which

gives them a wicked "horned" or fractal appearance. For a sativa influenced plant, the buds are surprising in their weight and density. The pale pistils darken to shades of light-orange, gold, yellow and even pink when mature. Well-grown Mother's Finest does not produce feathery or fluffy buds—an extra-high resin content keeps flowers brittle after drying. Her resin glands often stay clear and light-refracting right up to harvest, so growers who examine trichomes to judge maturity should look to the fullness of the gland-heads, rather than the proportion of cloudy or amber trichomes.

Mother's Finest produces little odor while growing, and only begins to smell sharply when dried—a haze tang combined with a sweet, fruity body and an undertone of skunk. The whiff of haze that teases in the aroma will deliver in the high. Its bright, powerful and uplifting mental chime can be maintained for hours with careful toking. If the pipe is set down for a while, the smoker can expect a smooth descent into a chilled, sociable vibe. Mother's Finest is a great daytime smoke, suitable for conversation, partying or running errands in a magically enhanced world.



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Mother's Finest isn't talking about anyone's mom. She was named for the Mothers of Invention, the band formed by the irreverent and energetic genius Frank Zappa. With more than one serious Zappa fan in the Sensi family, many names were bandied about to honor him. Naming a plant after Frank himself didn't seem appropriate, as he didn't seem to like cannabis much more than any other drug—which is to say not at all. But we can be fairly sure that the Mothers enjoyed their herb.

Mother's Finest is an interesting offshoot of the Jack Herer breeding program, retaining as much indica weight and density as possible, while concentrating the sharp haze high. Just as Jack Flash is a descendent of Jack Herer, which follows a bulkier, stonier, skunkier line, Mother's Finest follows a decidedly hazy upward path, without sacrificing the advantages of the indica balance found in Jack Herer.

Despite her strengths, Mother's Finest is not ideal for a first-time grow. Gardeners should have grown a few gardens before expecting the fantastic results that are possible with Mother's Finest. Although the sativa breeding in this variety gives her a tropical resistance to heat and humidity, she would be out of her element in temperate outdoor regions. Anyone who grows Mother's Finest should remember the basic rules for success with sativa hybrids indoors—less fertilizer, short vegetative periods and plenty of bright light.



75S/25I



bright, powerful, uplifting



sweet + haze tang



50-70 days/ end Oct.



Jack Herer relative ♀ x 3/4 Haze (Haze-NL/Haze backcross) ♂



125 g/plant; 350 g/m² SOG; 500g/m² large plants



below 40°N latitude

