

Cutting Gardens

Suggestions for the Cutting Garden

Cutting gardens can be a separate, sunny area in your yard specifically for the purpose of having flowers to enhance your home or give as gifts. A cutting garden usually consists of annuals, perennials, foliage and even herbs. The cutting garden can be laid out in the simplest, most practical manner. Some suggestions:

- Plant the perennials in rows like a vegetable garden. The tallest flowers should not shade the shorter ones
- Choose a site that receives at least one-half day of sun
- Prepare the soil, dig in the compost and rake it free of rocks
- Use the cutting garden also as an experimental station to find out what certain perennials do before planting them in your garden
- Cut flowers in the morning or evening
- Use a sharp pair of scissors or pruning shears
- Remove foliage from the base of stems
- Place cut flowers into a container of warm water
- Make another clean diagonal cut to base of stem as the arrangement is created
- Cut flower food can be added to the water to prolong the life of the flowers
- Deadhead any flowers you don't cut for inside. This will help promote more flowers.

Annuals

Calendula
Celosia (Cockscomb)
Cleome (Spider Flower)
Cosmos
Dianthus
Geranium
Marigold
Matthiola (Stock)
Nicotiana
Pansy
Petunia
Phlox
Salvia
Snapdragon
Verbena
Zinnia

Perennials

Achillea (Yarrow)
Aster
Aquilegia (Columbine)
Astilbe
Campanula
Chelone (Pink Turtlehead)
Chrysanthemum (Shasta Daisy)
Convallaria (Lily of the Valley)

Perennials

Coreopsis
Delphinium
Dianthus (Pinks)
Doronicum (Leopard's Bane)
Foxglove
Echinacea (Purple Coneflower)
Echinops (Globe Thistle)
Erigeron (Flea Bane)
Gaillardia (Blanket Flower)
Helenium (Helen's Flower)
Heliopsis (False Sunflower)
Heuchera (Coral Bells)
Hosta
Iris
Lavender
Liatris
Lillium (Lily)
Lobelia
Penstemon (Beardtongue)
Phlox (tall)
Rudbeckia (Black-Eyed Susan)
Sage
Scabiosa (Pincushion Flower)
Solidago (Goldenrod)
Stokesia (Stoke's Aster)

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Foliage

Asparagus
Coleus
Dusty Miller
Sage, Tri-color

Herbs

Mint
Rosemary
Sage
Lavender



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