

Flowers for Specific Uses

There's a flower or plant to meet every planting need. Plan your garden and flower beds for bountiful blossoms from the first pansy to the last chrysanthemums, in sun or shade, rich soil or poor, moist or arid areas, patio pots or window boxes. Select from the group that suits your needs. (*Plants with * in front are perennials.*)



Plants for Partial Shade		Tall Flowers for Backgrounds	
Ageratum	Impatiens	Celosia-Tall	*Hollyhock
Anchusa	*Lily-of-the-Valley	Cleome	Marigold (Tall)
*Astilbe	Lobelia	Cosmos	Nicotiana
*Azalea	*Mock Orange	Dahlia-Tall	Snapdragon
Begonia	Nemophila	*Delphinium	Sunflower
*Bleeding Heart	Nicotiana	Foxglove	Sweet Sultan
*Boston Ivy	*Pachysandra	Gladiolus	Tithonia
Caladium	Pansy	Gloriosa Daisy	Zinnia (Tall)
Coleus	*Periwinkle	*Hibiscus	
Columbine	*Plumbago		
*Coral Bell	Polyanthus	Hanging Baskets	
*Ferns	*Sweet Violet	Asparagus Fern	Nasturtium
Forget-Me-Not	Torenia	Begonia	Petunia
Foxglove	*Vinca	House Plants	Thunbergia
	*Viola	Lobelia	

Perennials from Seed			Rock Gardens	
Achillea	Coral Bell	Lilies	Ageratum	Gazania
Alyssum	Coreopsis	Linum	Alyssum	Helianthemum
Anchusa	Daylily	Lupine	Arabis	*Heuchera
Anemone	Delphinium	Lychnis	Aubrieta	Juniper Andorra
Anthemis	Dianthus	Nepeta	Brachycome	Linaria
Arabis	Forget-Me-Not	Penstemon	California Poppy	Lobelia
Aster (Hardy)	Gaillardia	Polyanthus	Candytuft	Nierembergia
Aubrieta	Geum	Poppy English	Cerastium	*Phlox
Campanula	Gloriosa Daisy	Rudbeckia	*Dianthus	Portulaca
Candytuft	Gypsophila	Scabiosa	Dimorphotheca	Verbena
Carnation	Helianthemum	Statice	Forget-Me-Not	Zinnia-Dwarf
Centaurea	Hemerocallis	Tritoma		
Cerastium	Hibiscus	Trumpet Vine		
Cheiranthus	Hollyhock	Venosa		
Chinese Lantern	Iberis	Verbena		
Chrysanthemum	Lathyrus latifolius	Viola		



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Columbine		Lavender		
Looking for Fragrance?			Dwarf Plants for Edging	
Alyssum	Mignonette	*Rose	Ageratum	Lobelia
*Carnation	*Mock Orange	Stock	Alyssum	Pansy
*Clematis Paniculata	Nicotiana	Sweet Pea	Begonia	Portulaca
*Heliotrope	*Peony	*Sweet Shrub	Daisy-English	Viola
*Lavender	Persian Lilac	Sweet Sultan	Dwarf marigold	Zinnia-dwarf
*Lilies	Petunia	Tuberose		
Lily of the Valley	*Phlox	Wallflower		
		*Wisteria		
Dry or Poor Soils		Best Flowers for Cutting		
Achillea	Helianthemum	*Achillea	Foxglove	Scabiosa
Alyssum	*Honeysuckle	Anchusa	*Gaillardia	*Shasta Daisy
Brachycome	*Iris	Anthemis	Gerbera	Snapdragon
Bridal Wreath	Lathyrus latifolius	Arctotis	Geum	Stock
Cactus	Linum	Aster	Gladiolus	Sweet Pea
California Poppy	*Lupine	Bells of Ireland	Gloriosa Daisy	Sweet Sultan
Calliopsis	Lychnis	Calendula	*Gypsophila	Sweet William
Candytuft	Marigold	*Carnation	*Heuchera	Verbena
Celosia		Celosia	*Iris	Viola
Centaurea Montana	*Mugho Pine	*Chrysanthemum	Larkspur	Wallflower
Cleome	Nasturtium	Columbine	Lathyrus	Zinnia
Coreopsis	Petunia	Coreopsis	Marigold	“Everlasting” Flowers
Cosmos	*Phlox	Cornflower	Nigella	
Dianthus	Poppy	Cosmos	Pansy	
Euphorbia	Portulaca	Cynoglossum	*Peony	
Four O’Clock	*Potentilla (Gold Drop)	Dahlia	*Poppy	
Gaillardia	Verbena	*Delphinium	*Pyrethrum	
Gloriosa Daisy	*Vinca	Dianthus	Rose	
*Gypsophila		Forget-Me-Not	Salvia-blue	
Plants for Beds		Easiest to Grow		
Aster	Pansy	Alyssum	Godetia	Poppy
Balsam	Petunia	Anchusa	Larkspur	Portulaca
Begonia	Portulaca	Aster	Linaria	Scabiosa
Dahlia	Salvia	Balsam	Marigold	Sunflower
Geranium	Snapdragon	Calendula	Mignonette	Sweet Pea
Impatiens	Verbena	California Poppy	Nasturtium	Zinnia
Iris	Vinca Rosea	Candytuft	Nigella	
Marigold	Viola	Cornflower	Night-scented Stock	
Nicotiana	Zinnia	Gaillardia	Phlox	
Window Box		Plants for Moist Places		
Alyssum	Lantana	*Astilbe	Foxglove	Polyanthus
Asparagus sprengeri	Lobelia	Caladium	Impatiens	*Sweet Violet
Begonia	Marigold	*Ferns	*Lily-of-the Valley	*Vinca
Celosia	Petunia	Forget-Me-Not	Nicotiana	*Viola
Coleus	Verbena			
Geranium	Ivy	Vinca		

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