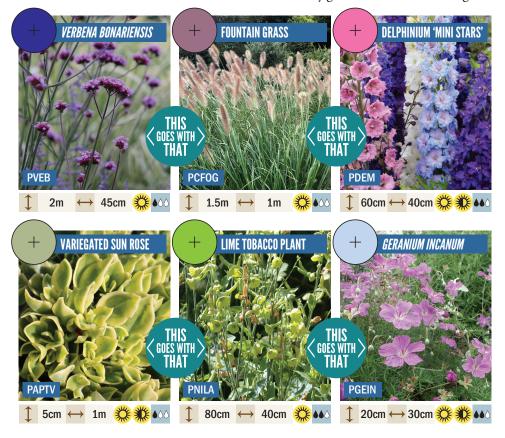


ESTABLISHING A SUCCESSFUL SUMMER FLOWER GARDEN

Planting a garden that uses foliage and flowers helps to extend your garden's peak period. Spring flowers are supported by the contrasting foliage of herbaceous perennials and evergreen trees and shrubs. As spring flowers die back, your summer flowering perennials take over. This combination can create a show-worthy garden from November right through until April in many areas.



GOOD GARDEN DESIGN

The basics of good garden design is balancing harmony and contrast. Similar colour, foliage, texture and form produces calm and rest. And conversely, contrast creates excitement. The goal is to create a sense of harmony while still retaining some interest. Look to combine:

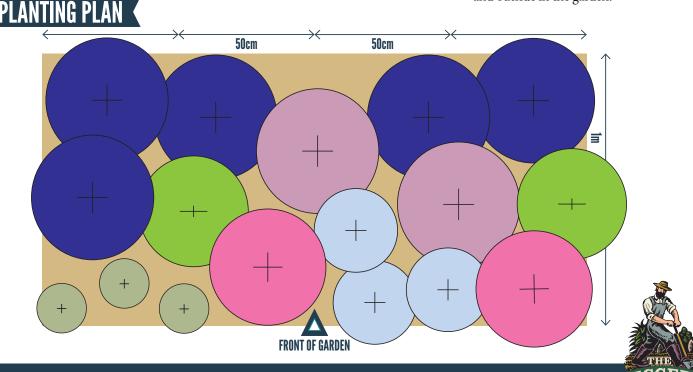
FORM: Mounding, vertical, airy, strappy and mat forms.

TEXTURE: Glossy/felty, bold/fine.

FOLIAGE COLOUR: Variegated, grey/ green, purple/golden.

CONTRASTS IN DENSITY: Tightly packed box versus open airy forms.

FLOWER COLOUR: When it comes to flowers, avoid garish colour clashes like hot reds with pastel blues. Try to time the floral display with sympathetic colours to create a stunning flowering vase that will be on display both inside your home and outside in the garden.



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