



Plant care instructions
PERENNIALS

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Introduction



Herbaceous perennials are stalwarts of every garden, providing masses of colour and structure. There are lots of different ones and while many flower in summer, there are some brilliant varieties that flower at other times of year - including winter.

They're available in a wide range of heights, from ground cover to tall, towering plants. And the colour range extends from pure white to almost black and every colour of the rainbow.

Sadly, they're sometimes a bit misunderstood! Some people believe that herbaceous means they die back to nothing in autumn and winter and then re-shoot in spring. While this is true of some, it's not the case with them all - there are numerous evergreen types too that keep their leaves all winter.

They're brilliantly versatile. They look marvellous in beds and borders all on their own, as part of a cottage garden style planting scheme, in mixed planting schemes with shrubs and annuals, in shady and woodland settings and the vast majority are perfect for growing in pots and other containers on the patio.

All in all, there's a herbaceous perennial for every garden, every situation - and every gardener.

You've made a great choice buying some of ours. We've chosen some of the best varieties available, some brand new and special, others that are loved by professional growers and nursery owners, and those so good they've been given an Award of Garden Merit by the RHS.

Your plants on arrival

When your plants arrive, open the packaging fully, carefully lift out the plants, remove any packaging, and water them if the compost seems dry.

Your plants will either arrive as plug plants (small plants grown in their own 'plug' of compost) or larger plants in small (usually 9cm/3½in) pots.

Potted plants

Those in pots can be planted into their growing/flowering positions straight away. If you can't plant straight away, put the plants somewhere cool and bright indoors, such as a west-facing windowsill for a maximum of a few days, cool conservatory or greenhouse, or somewhere sheltered from frost, very cold temperatures and strong/cold winds outdoors until you can plant them.

Plug plants

Plug plants should be potted up individually into at least 9-10cm (3½-4in) pots with good potting compost first, depending on the size of the plug. Larger plugs will need pots up to 1-2 litre (13-17cm/5-6in). Grow on the plants in a sheltered position outdoors and then plant out when the roots start to fill the pots. Allow the compost to slightly dry out before thoroughly watering them again.

Planting out

Growing in beds and borders

In beds and borders, the vast majority of our perennials grow best in well-drained, but moisture-retentive soil. In heavier, clay soils and lighter, sandy soils, make sure to apply lots of bulky organic matter, such as compost or well-rotted manure, to the soil before planting. On very heavy clay soils, it may be worth adding sharp sand or horticultural grit to the soil too.

Dig the planting hole at least twice the size of the pot, sprinkle some compost in the bottom and, ideally, add some [Root Booster](#) or [Easy Feed fertiliser](#), before planting. Pop the plant in the planting hole, adding a bit more compost if needed so that the top of

the rootball is at the same level as the soil, and add more compost around the sides of the plant. Gently firm in with your fingers or the end of a trowel or hand fork and water in thoroughly with 4.5-9 litres (1-2 gallons) of water per plant, ideally using a dilute plant food like [Flower Power](#).

Growing in pots

If growing in pots, use a good multi-purpose compost – my [Premium Multi Purpose Compost](#) and [Premium Peat-Free Compost](#) are ideal – or multi-purpose compost with added John Innes. To help plants establish extra quickly, water in with a dilute plant food, such as [Flower Power](#).

Growing on

Water thoroughly whenever necessary to prevent the compost or soil drying out, especially during the first three months after planting while the plants are establishing.

It is important to give each plant enough water that gets to the bottom of the roots. Giving plants in the ground 9 litres (2 gallons) of water per week is far better than watering little and more frequently. Plants in pots and other containers will probably need watering more frequently. Water whenever the compost starts to dry out (the compost will turn light brown in colour) and give enough water that it just starts to trickle out of the drainage holes.

If the soil or compost dry out this will affect flowering and can cause powdery mildew disease.

Feed plants regularly with a high potash, liquid plant food, such as **Flower Power**, through spring and summer, from two to four weeks after planting out. This really helps produce stronger, healthier plants with more flowers.

The vast majority of our perennials will benefit from deadheading, removing faded flowers and any developing seed heads, as soon as they finish flowering. This prevents them wasting energy on producing seeds, helps them concentrate their energy on producing bigger, better plants and in many instances, ensures they flower again later that year. Wherever possible, cut the old



flower stems right down to where they join the main part of the plant.

Towards the end of summer, you can leave the seed heads of some types in place. If they're attractive enough, they will provide some winter interest and structure, and any seeds make valuable winter feed for garden birds.

Mulch the soil around the plants, with a 5-7.5cm (2-3in) deep layer of organic matter, in autumn or spring, making sure the soil is moist before putting down the mulch.

Any additional specific growing instructions can be found in their descriptions throughout the booklet.

Aquilegia Swan Collection

Aquilegias, columbines, or granny's bonnets, are delightful and must-have hardy herbaceous perennials, looking especially good in beds, borders and cottage gardens, but also pots and other containers. They're perfect for sunny or partially shaded positions.

The Swan series is quick growing and fast flowering, producing large flowers.



Aquilegia 'Swan Blue and White' has blue outer petals and white inner ones with blue markings at the base.

Height 55cm (22in), Spread 40cm (16in).

J00109



Aquilegia 'Swan Red and White' is the same, but with deep red colours.

Height 55cm (22in), Spread 40cm (16in).

J00109



Aquilegia 'Swan Pink and Yellow' bears soft coral pink outer petals with creamy-white tips that blend beautifully with the pastel yellow inner petals.

Height 55cm (22in), Spread 40cm (16in).

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A Aquilegia
B 130137
C 2021020201
D GB

UK Plant Passport
A Aquilegia
B 130137
C 2021020202
D GB

UK Plant Passport
A Aquilegia
B 130137
C 2021020203
D GB

Agapanthus

Agapanthus, commonly called African lilies, are exotic perennials that are perfect for bringing a splash of exotic colour to our gardens. They flower for months on end through the summer and often into autumn. The large, colourful, trumpet-shaped flowers are held aloft above strap-shaped leaves.



Award Winning Agapanthus - Fireworks Collection



Agapanthus 'Fireworks' is a compact African lily, boasting large, densely packed trumpet flowers that change from dark, violet blue at the throat to pure white on the petal edges. It's hardier than many other agapanthus varieties, its evergreen foliage withstanding temperatures of -10C.

Height 60cm (24in), Spread 60cm (24in).

J00116



Agapanthus 'Flower of Love' bears large intense, purple-blue flowers on tall stems over lush, deep green leaves.

Height 60cm (24in), Spread 60cm (24in).

J00116



Award Winning Agapanthus - Delight Collection



Agapanthus 'Purple Delight' boasts exquisite rich purple flowers held on tall stems above evergreen foliage, creating a splash of vivid colour from mid-summer to early autumn.

Height 90cm (36in), Spread 50cm (20in).

J00123



Agapanthus 'Snow Crystal' is the perfect partner for 'Purple Delight'. The large heads of pure white trumpet-shaped flowers appear on upright stems from mid- to late summer above semi-evergreen foliage.

Height 80cm (32in), Spread 60cm (24in).

J00123

Further growing information

Agapanthus grow best in moist but well-drained soil. It may be worth adding sharp sand, horticultural grit or stones to the pot or planting pocket to aid drainage. They will also benefit from mulching in autumn. Add a 5-7.5cm (2-3in) deep layer of organic matter. If you are growing them in pots, move them to a frost free area to avoid the roots freezing or the pots being damaged in colder weather.



Award Winning Aстранtia



Astrantias, commonly known as masterworts and even Hattie's pincushions, are lovely hardy herbaceous perennials with branched heads of neat pincushion-like flowers bracts in summer, which are surrounded by a ruff of petals. They do best in moist soil, and are excellent ground cover plants if planted in groups. They look perfect in both formal gardens and more natural and cottage garden settings, as well as when grown in containers.

Astrantia 'Roma' is a fabulous variety with delicate looking, papery, glowing deep pink pincushion-like flowers carried on wiry stems above a mound of attractive deeply lobed, mid-green leaves. It has a much longer flowering period than other pink or red varieties - from May to September. Plant it with other cottage garden favourites or among grasses. Height 70cm (28in), Spread 60cm (24in).

J00133



Award Winning Campanula



Campanulas, commonly called bellflowers, are reliable hardy, herbaceous perennials that look right at home in mixed beds and borders and are very popular, classic choices for cottage gardens or cottage-garden style areas.

Campanula lactiflora 'Loddon Anna' has tall, branching stems that bear clusters of soft lilac, open, bell-shaped flowers from July to September among toothed, mid-green leaves. Grow it at the back of beds and borders, as a statement plant or focal point, or among other perennials and summer cottage garden favourites like roses. Great for sunny or slightly shaded positions, the flower colour is retained best in partial shade.

Height 150cm (60in), Spread 60cm (24in).

J00111

Further growing information

The tall stems are best staked to prevent wind damage, especially in windy or exposed locations. Stakes should be put in place in spring, before any chance of wind damage occurs. Pea sticks or hooped metal supports are the best types to use.



Award Winning Rock Roses

Helianthemums, or rock roses are so called because they love free-draining soil and were once just used in rockeries and alpine gardens. But don't restrict them to these areas – they're excellent for the front of all beds and borders and look superb in containers. Or plant them along the edges of paths and steps or to cover over slopes or steep banks. They are mat-forming evergreen or semi-evergreen perennials that look great in sunny positions. Once established, they become drought tolerant and they cope well with salt-laden air, making them an excellent choice for coastal gardens.



Helianthemum 'The Bride' produces a profusion of white flowers with an egg yolk yellow blotch from May to July, often with a second flush in September, displayed against attractive silvery foliage.

Height 20cm (8in), Spread 25cm (10in).

J00134



Helianthemum 'Wisley Primrose' forms a spreading mound of grey-green leaves, setting off the lemon-yellow flowers appearing over a long period from late spring onwards.

Height 30cm (12in), Spread 50cm (20in).

J00134

Further growing information

Plants can be tidied up after flowering, by lightly cutting back the current year's stems after flowering.



Award Winning Salvia



Salvia 'Amistad' produces a profusion of large deep purple and black tubular flowers from early summer through to the first frosts. It is a bushy, upright perennial plant with aromatic, slightly downy, bright green leaves.

It is perfect for warm and sunny borders, as well as containers in sunny positions. Once established, it is drought tolerant, and is a magnet for bees, butterflies and other pollinating insects. It may need winter protection at temperatures below -10C, but it's easy to grow some cuttings in summer as an insurance policy – and to get more plants for yourself! Height 100cm (40in), Spread 60cm (24in).

J00128

Further growing information

Tall or straggly plants can be tidied up, by cutting back the stems in spring, after the fear of any severe frosts. Do this annually, as plants probably won't recover from cutting into very old stems.



Campanula Collection

Campanulas, commonly called bellflowers, are reliable hardy, herbaceous perennials that look right at home in mixed beds and borders and are very popular, classic choices for cottage gardens or cottage-garden style areas. They're perfect for beds, borders and containers in sunny positions and the flowers are attractive to bees.



Campanula 'Iridescent Bells' flowers over a prolonged period right throughout summer and autumn. Each upright stem bears clusters of up to 30 rich, shining purple flower buds. These open over several months to reveal large, pendulous, soft lilac-silver bells, creating a delightful bicoloured effect. Plants are tolerant of rain and other poor weather conditions.

Height 70cm (28in), Spread 45cm (18in).

J00132



Campanula 'Viking' has fantastic large, lavender mauve flowers, creating a superb splash of colour from late spring to mid-summer, rising up from compact, low mounds of dark green leaves.

Height 45cm (18in), Spread 60cm (24in).

J00132



Cool Candytuft Collection

Candytufts are delightful and versatile, low growing evergreen perennials that are great choices for sunny beds, borders and containers. They make compact, rounded bushes of deep green foliage, smothered and topped with flowers for months on end – from mid-spring to late summer. Their nectar-rich flowers are perfect for attracting butterflies, bees and other pollinating insects. Once established, the plants are drought tolerant.



Iberis 'Pink Ice' is smothered with soft pink flowers with darker pink centres.

Height 30cm (12in), Spread 30cm (12in).

J00129



Iberis 'Snowflake' produces a profusion of crisp white flowers with yolk-yellow centres.

Height 30cm (12in), Spread 60cm (24in).

J00129



Erodium Collection

Erodiums, commonly called heron's bills or storksills, are hardy, clump-forming perennials for sunny positions. They make an attractive addition to an alpine garden and can be used to add masses of ground-covering summer colour to the front of borders or in patio containers. They flower from late spring, all the way through summer to early autumn. The foliage is very attractive and ornamental too, being gently scalloped and forming a soft mound.



'Album' forms a dense matt of grey-green leaves covered with white flowers with appealing magenta-red veins.
Height 10cm (4in), Spread 15-30cm (6-12in).
J00121



'Bishop's Form' has pretty pale pink geranium-like flowers with deeper pink veins from May until November.
Height 10cm (4in), Spread 15-30cm (6-12in).
J00121



'Flore Pleno' has double, rose-pink, veined flowers from early spring to late summer.
Height 10cm (4in), Spread 15-30cm (6-12in).
J00121

UK Plant Passport
A Erodium reichardii
B 130137
C 2021080207
D GB

UK Plant Passport
A Erodium x variable
B 130137
C 2021080208
D GB

UK Plant Passport
A Erodium x variable
B 130137
C 2021080209
D GB

Evergreen Ferns

Victorian gardeners adored ferns and we're currently experiencing a revived love affair with them! Their delightful, interesting and wonderfully shaped fronds, the proper name for their leaves, make them stand out from other plants. Tough, hardy and evergreen; ferns provide interest all year round. We've got three brilliant ferns for your garden.



Asplenium scolopendrium, the hart's tongue fern, has rosettes of arching, strap-shaped, rich green fronds with wavy edges.
Height 70cm (28in), Spread 70cm (28in).
J00117



Polystichum polyblepharum, the Japanese lace fern, produces shuttlecock-like, spreading, glossy, dark green fronds. In spring, they emerge more upright, yellowish-green and covered with golden hair-like scales.
Height 80cm (32in), Spread 90cm (36in).
J00117



Polystichum setiferum 'Dahlem', is a variety of soft shield fern and produces elegant and upright, soft looking, fresh green, finely-divided fronds.
Height 80cm (32in), Spread 80cm (32in).
J00117

Further growing information

All three thrive in full or partial shade in moist soil, but can tolerate sunnier, drier positions if the soil contains lots of organic matter and they are watered in dry periods.

UK Plant Passport
A Asplenium scolopendrium
B 130137
C 2021020205
D GB

UK Plant Passport
A Polystichum polyblepharum
B 130137
C 2021020243
D GB

UK Plant Passport
A Polystichum setiferum
B 130137
C 2021020244
D GB

Golden Globe Flower



Trollius, or globeflowers, are reliable hardy herbaceous perennials that prefer reasonably moist soil or even planting in bog gardens or at the margins of ponds or other water features.

Trollius 'Golden Queen' bears cheery, buttercup-like, bowl-shaped flowers that are a striking brilliant golden yellow with gorgeous, flame-like narrow central petals. The flowers of this repeat blooming variety are produced from mid spring into summer. The strong stems are great for cutting if you fancy using the flowers in floral arrangements. The flowers are set off by attractive, deeply-toothed mid-green foliage. 'Golden Queen' is excellent for attracting bees and other pollinators, as it has nectar- and pollen-rich flowers.
Height 90cm (36in), Spread 50cm (20in).

J00183



Hardy Nemesias

Nemesias have become very popular in recent years, especially as brilliant summer bedding plants for containers and hanging baskets. But some are more cold hardy than others, and we've got two varieties that also look brilliant in beds and borders.

In mild weather, the flowers almost completely obscure the evergreen foliage, and plants thrive whatever the summer weather – heat, drought or heavy rain.



Nemesia 'Celebration' is a summer-flowering plant you shouldn't be without if you want to add a beautiful splash of spectacular colour in sunny positions from late May, throughout summer and well into autumn until the first frosts. The attractive, lipped flowers are cerise pink, with a yellow centre, and are delicately perfumed.

Height 35cm (14in), Spread 75cm (24in).

J00143



Nemesia 'Confetti' produces a beautiful spectacle of colour in your garden from late May, throughout summer and well into autumn until the first frosts. The lovely, lipped flowers are pink-mauve, with a yellow centre, and have a sweet, sugary perfume. It needs a sunny position.

Height 30cm (12in), Spread 60cm (24in).

J00142

Further growing information

Plants growing in containers may need some protection from severe winter weather and temperatures. Either move the containers to a greenhouse, cool conservatory or into a porch or, if this isn't possible, move them next to a south-facing wall and wrap the pots in insulating materials.



Hellebores

Hellebores are extremely popular winter and spring flowering plants, bringing a splash of colour to beds, borders and containers when many other plants are shy to flower. They prefer partially or lightly shaded positions and fertile, moisture retentive soils.



Hellebore 'Pink Ballerina'



Hellebore 'Pink Ballerina' is a brand new variety of Lenten rose (*Helleborus hybridus*), a hardy herbaceous perennial that will bring a delightful splash of colour to your garden in late winter and spring. 'Pink Ballerina' produces numerous fully double, soft pink flowers that gently nod outwards. It flowers quite early in the season and has a compact habit. Height 35cm (14in), Spread 35cm (14in).

J00113

UK Plant Passport
A Helleborus x hybridus
B 130137
C 2021110201
D GB

Double Hellebores

Lenten roses (*Helleborus hybridus* varieties) are hardy herbaceous perennials that bring a delightful splash of colour to your garden in late winter and spring, from February to April. A welcome end to dark and gloomy winters! Our collection of plants all produce double flowers – blooms with more petals – so they really stand out and provide masses of garden flower power.



'Double Green' produces beautiful double green flowers, tinted with a little creamy-yellow.

Height 35cm (14in), Spread 25cm (10in).

J00115



'Double Purple' has delightful, double flowers in a moody, smoky purple colour. Height 35cm (14in), Spread 25cm (10in).

J00115



'Double White' has double flowers as close to pure white that you can imagine. These are all set off by glossy green foliage

Height 35cm (14in), Spread 25cm (10in).

J00115

UK Plant Passport
A Helleborus x hybridus
B 130137
C 2021080214
D GB

UK Plant Passport
A Helleborus x hybridus
B 130137
C 2021080215
D GB

UK Plant Passport
A Helleborus x hybridus
B 130137
C 2021080216
D GB

Hellebore 'Snowdrift'



Hellebore 'Snowdrift' is a spectacular version of the hardy perennial Christmas rose, *Helleborus niger*. The large, saucer-shaped winter flowers have a second layer of petals, forming a delightful double bloom. They face outwards, and are pure white in colour with a glowing golden centre. They open single at first, then as the smaller inner petals grow, they magically turn into double blooms. They are set off by the glossy, evergreen leaves.

Height 35cm (14in), Spread 35cm (14in).

J00112

UK Plant Passport
A *Helleborus niger*
B 130137
C 2021110202
D GB

Hellebore 'Sugar Plum'



Hellebore 'Sugar Plum' is brand new variety of Lenten rose (*Helleborus hybridus*) for 2021. This extremely pretty hardy herbaceous perennial plant is a must have for all gardens. Each of the numerous, mid-sized, icing pink flowers has a unique colour combination. The reverse is soft pink, with icing pink on the inside that seems to glisten, drawing you to the central deep plum eye. They appear in early spring, set off by evergreen leaves.

Height 35cm (14in), Spread 35cm (14in).

J00114

UK Plant Passport
A *Helleborus x hybridus*
B 130137
C 2021110201
D GB

Heucheras

Heucheras, commonly known as coral bells, are one of the most popular and on-trend garden plants, thanks to their highly attractive, ornamental, colourful leaves that set off their delightful sprays of summer flowers. Because of this, lots of great new varieties are now available. They look great in beds and borders, and are particularly suited to growing in containers.

Award Winning Heuchera



Heuchera 'Blondie in Lime' is a delightful new variety, one of the Little Cutie series of heucheras – and it certainly is! The Little Cutie series has been bred to have a vigorous, but compact, bushy habit, making them perfect for pots, especially smaller containers and window boxes, alpine beds or at the front of beds and borders. 'Blondie in Lime' has a delightful combination of lime-green evergreen leaves and lemon-lime flowers that appear in spring/summer and autumn. An excellent choice for a shady spot.

Height 15cm (6in), Spread 20cm (8in).

J00138



Heuchera 'Silver Gumdrop' is a lovely new variety, whose reddish purple foliage is infused with blue-silver. In summer, these complement the sprays of abundant rich pink flowers held aloft on pink-stained stems. This fairly compact, mound-forming plant makes excellent ground cover and looks great when grown in a container.

Height 50cm (20in), Spread 40cm (16in).

J00122

Further growing information

Any old or damaged leaves can be removed any time from spring to early autumn to improve the plant's appearance.

UK Plant Passport
A Heuchera
B 130137
C 2021080217
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UK Plant Passport
A Heuchera
B 130137
C 2021020228
D GB

Hollyhock Spring Celebrities



Hollyhocks are incredibly popular summer-flowering plants. They are brilliant for bringing a splash of delightful colour to our gardens, and look perfect in cottage and other informal gardens and in containers.

‘**Spring Celebrities**’ are special varieties, bringing a new dimension to hollyhocks. These unique, bushy, shorter-than-normal plants produce stout upright stems that are clothed in scented, anemone-centred, frilly blooms in a range of pastel colours from June to August. They are ideal for planting in the middle of beds and borders and in containers. You will receive plants with Apricot, Lemon and Pink flowers. Height 70cm (28in), Spread 40cm (16in).

J00118

Further growing information

Although shorter and more compact than most other hollyhocks, stems may need staking in windy or exposed locations. Stakes should be put in place in spring, before any chance of wind damage occurs.

UK Plant Passport
A Alcea rosea
B 130137
C 2021020229
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UK Plant Passport
A Alcea rosea
B 130137
C 2021020230
D GB

UK Plant Passport
A Alcea rosea
B 130137
C 2021020231
D GB

Hardy Marvellous Salvias

These **salvias**, commonly called perennial sage or Balkan clary, are tough hardy herbaceous perennials that produce upright spikes of colourful flowers from early summer through to early autumn. Their compact mounds of aromatic foliage make them perfect for sunny beds and borders – and they look great in containers.



Salvia ‘Blue Marvel’ has the largest flowers of any perennial sage and a very long flowering period, re-flowering from early summer to well into autumn. The deep blue flowers have a little white on the lower lip. Its short, compact habit looks lovely edging paths and filling containers, including window boxes.

Height 30cm (12in), Spread 30cm (12in).

J00140



Salvia ‘Rose Marvel’ produces upright spikes of deep rose-pink flowers from early summer through to early autumn, set off by mounds of grey-green foliage. The flowers are also loved by butterflies, bees and other pollinating insects.

Height 30cm (12in), Spread 30cm (12in).

J00140

UK Plant Passport
A Salvia x sylvestris
B 130137
C 2021020245
D GB

UK Plant Passport
A Salvia x sylvestris
B 130137
C 2021020246
D GB

Award Winning Penstemons

Perennial **penstemons**, commonly known as beardtongues, are renowned for their flower power, producing a profusion of trumpet-shaped blooms for months on end, often starting in late spring, going on throughout summer and only finishing when the first severe frost threatens in autumn. They're invaluable plants for beds, borders and containers in sunny positions.



Penstemon 'Hewell's Pink' produces a profusion of upright spikes covered with delicate pink flowers.

Height 32cm (12in), Spread 50cm (20in).

J00130



Penstemon 'Sour Grapes' has delightful flowers blending purple and blue shades, with a whitish throat.

Height 60cm (24in), Spread 45cm (18in).

J00130

Further growing information

Tall or straggly plants can be tidied up, by cutting back the stems in spring, after the fear of any severe frosts. Do this annually, and cut back hard to low new shoots.

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Perennial Verbenas

Perennial verbenas are great for brightening up summer pots, containers and hanging baskets, and bringing beds, borders and gravel gardens to life in summer with masses of pretty flowers.



Verbena 'Seabrook's Lavender' has large lavender coloured flowers with lovely deep pink eyes throughout the summer and well into autumn. This is a short-lived perennial, but unlike other verbenas is hardy and survives all but the harshest of winters. Height 45cm (18in), Spread 50cm (20in).

J00107



Verbena 'Margaret's Memory' creates a bushy plant, with masses of flowers from May to November. These have a distinctive two-tone appearance, with a dark pink centre slowly fading outwards through lilac, light pink with the outermost petals almost white. Height 45cm (18in), Spread 50cm (20in).

J00107

Further growing information

Tall or straggly plants can be tidied up, by cutting back the stems in spring, after the fear of any severe frosts.

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Perennial Violas

The **Viola** family is large and expansive with lots of different types. Perennial violas, or violets, are among some of the best. Think of them as pansies that have grown up to behave and look more sophisticated! Being perennial, they will flower for several years, and being evergreen, their tight hummocks of dark green foliage will be ever-present in the garden. Add to this their long flowering period – from April to September – and delicious scent, and you have a true garden winner! They're great in light shade, or positions that don't receive too much hot, direct sunshine.



Viola 'Rebecca' produces tight hummocks of foliage absolutely covered in heavily scented flowers that have a base colour of cream, shaded lemon on the lowest petal with a rich yellow eye. Each petal is then shaded to pale lilac with the edges flecked with mauve. Delightful!
Height 20cm (8in), Spread 25cm (10in).

J00126



Viola 'Etain' is smothered in large, deliciously scented, creamy-yellow flowers adorned with contrasting lavender-purple edges.
Height 20cm (8in), Spread 25cm (10in).

J00126



Perennial Wallflowers

Perennial wallflowers, erysimums, are extremely popular hardy perennials that provide masses of colour, thanks to their brilliant, highly fragrant flowers that are produced for months on end – from spring to autumn – and their attractive evergreen leaves. They're great for cutting too, to bring indoors, and are very attractive to bees and butterflies. They are perfect for sunny beds, borders or containers and positions in partial, light shade.



Erysimum 'Bowles's Mauve' is the most popular variety smothered in long spires of deep mauve, scented flowers, beautifully set off by narrow, grey-green, evergreen leaves.
Height 75cm (30in), Spread 60cm (24in).

J00110



Erysimum 'Rysi Moon' has sweetly scented, milk white flowers with a hint of cream and a hint of pink, complemented by dark green foliage.

Height 50cm (20in), Spread 50cm (20in).

J00110

Further growing information

Tall or straggly plants can be tidied up, by cutting back the stems in spring, after the fear of any severe frosts. Do this annually, as plants probably won't recover from cutting into very old stems.



Salvia 'Hot Lips'



Salvia 'Hot Lips' is a spectacular plant, covered with striking red and white bi-coloured blooms from June right through to mid-autumn. The white tip has red hot lips. During hot summers this perennial sage may also produce all-red and all-white flowers on the same plant. The compact, bushy plants are clothed in small leaves with a strong, spicy aroma, which may turn dark red in autumn.

The nectar-rich flowers are also extremely attractive to butterflies, bees and other pollinators. Plants thrive in beds, borders and containers in a warm, sunny site. Plants may need some protection in extreme winters.

Height 90cm (36in), Spread 60-70cm (24-28in).

J00120

Further growing information

Tall or straggly plants can be tidied up, by cutting back the stems in spring, after the fear of any severe frosts. Do this annually, as plants may not recover from cutting into very old stems.



Ornamental Grasses

One of the biggest gardening trends in recent years is the resurrection in popularity of hardy garden grasses. They are very versatile and add colour, grace, structure and movement to beds, borders and containers.

Award Winning Grass Collection



Festuca glauca 'Intense Blue' creates delightful spiky, rounded mounds of intense, steely silvery-blue narrow leaves. This compact, evergreen grass is an essential addition to Mediterranean garden plantings, gravel gardens, blue-themed plantings and anywhere else the strong blue colouring will help set off other plants – whether that's in beds, borders or containers in a sunny spot. Then, in summer, the leaves complement the bluish-green flower spikes that age to straw colours and remain intact in autumn and winter. Height 30cm (12in), Spread 20cm (8in).

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Carex oshimensis 'Evergold' is an evergreen Japanese sedge with delightfully coloured leaves. It makes a compact, graceful, arching clump with long golden leaves, each with deep green margins. It looks great at the edge of beds and borders, and is perfect for growing in container displays. Although mainly grown for its colourful evergreen foliage, it also produces small, brown flower spikes in summer. Height 30cm (12in), Spread 30cm (12in).

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Further growing information

Comb through plants with gloved hands or a garden fork in spring to remove any dead leaves.



Award Winning Switch Grass Collection

Switch grasses, varieties of **Panicum virgatum**, are deciduous ornamental grasses that look brilliant in spring and summer, with the leaves changing colour in autumn and remaining throughout the colder months, increasing their seasons of interest. They're brilliant for adding height, drama, structure and swaying movement to beds, borders and containers and great additions to prairie planting schemes.



Panicum virgatum 'Prairie Sky' is probably the bluest-leaved switch grass, whose striking, steely-blue foliage and flower stems and foliage in spring to summer turn golden orange-yellow in autumn and remain throughout winter. In late summer, it is topped with delicate, pendant, open, blue-green flower heads that persist well into winter.

Height 120cm (48in), Spread 90cm (36in).

J00125

Panicum virgatum 'Shenandoah' is distinguished by its steely, blue-green leaves, which take on tones of purple and burgundy red in summer. These complement the purplish summer flower heads. It forms stiff, dense clumps of foliage that persist through winter.

Height 100cm (40in), Spread 80cm (32in).

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Further growing information

Cut down plants to ground level in late winter/early spring for the new year's growth to come through.

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