

Cut Flower Gardens

A Garden Guide

You can grow your very own cut flower garden! The best flowers for cutting tend to have longer, stronger stems, and the ability to survive in a vase for many days before looking tattered. When cutting these flowers, immediately put the cut stem into a deep container of water, and recut the stem when arranging. Listed below are some excellent varieties - that may not be available at all times.



Perennials and Grasses:

Achillea spp. – Yarrow, 16-36", sun

Agapanthus sp. – African Lily, 28-36", sun to ½ day sun

Allium schoenoprasum – Chives, 18", sun

Aquilegia sp. – Columbine, 12-16", ½ day sun to part shade

Aster syn. *Symphotrichum* sp. – 12-36", sun to ½ day sun

Astilbe sp. – False Spirea, 12-42", ½ day sun to shade

Baptisia australis – False Indigo, 36-48", sun to ½ day sun

Boltonia sp. – 36-48", sun to ½ day sun

Buddleia sp. – Butterfly Bush, 30-84", sun to ½ day sun

Calamagrostis 'Karl Foerster' – Feather Reed Grass, 3-4', ½ day sun to sun

Campanula medium – Canterbury Bells – Bellflower, 36", sun to ½ day sun

Campanula persicifolia – Peach-Leaved Bellflower, 16-20", ½ day sun to sun

Caryopteris x – Bluebeard, 24", sun

Centaurea montana – Mountain bluet, 24", sun

Coreopsis 'Early Sunrise' – Tickseed, 18-24", sun

Crocsmia 'Lucifer' – 24-36", sun to ½ day sun

Delphinium sp. – 16-36', sun to ½ day sun

Dianthus barbatus – Sweet William, 12-16", sun to ½ day sun

Dianthus caryophyllus – Carnations, 16", sun to ½ day sun

Digitalis purpurea – Foxglove, 24-36", sun to ½ day sun

Echinacea purpurea and *alba* – Coneflower, 24-36", sun

Eupatorium syn *Eutrochium* 'Gateway' – Joe Pye Weed, 36-72", sun to part shade

Gaillardia sp. – Blanket flower, 24-36", sun

Gypsophila sp. – Baby's Breath, 24-48", sun

Helenium sp. – Sneezeweed, 48", sun

Heliopsis sp. – False Sunflower, 18-24", sun

Helianthus salicifolius – Willow Leaf Sunflower, 36-60", sun

Helleborus sp. – Lenten Rose, 12-24", ½ day sun to shade

Heuchera sp. – Coralbells, 12-24", sun to part shade

Kniphofia sp. – Red Hot Poker, 18-24", sun
Leucanthemum × *superbum* – Shasta Daisy,
 12-36", sun to ½ day sun
Liatris sp. – Gayfeather, 24-36", sun to ½
 day sun
Lobelia cardinalis – Cardinal Flower,
 24-36", sun to part shade
Lychnis sp. – Rose Campion, 18-24", sun to
 ½ day sun
Lupinus sp. – Lupine, 18-24", part sun
Matricaria syn. *Tanacetum parthenium* –
 Feverfew, 16-24", sun
Monarda sp. – Beebalm, 36", sun to part
 shade
Nepeta 'Six Hills Giant' – Catmint, 16-36",
 sun to ½ day sun
Penstemon 'Husker Red' – Beardtongue,
 12-24", sun to ½ day sun
Peony sp. – Garden Peony, 36", sun to ½
 day sun
Perovskia atriplicifolia syn. *Salvia yangii* –
 Russian Sage, 24-36", sun
Phlox paniculata – Garden Phlox, 24-36",
 sun to ½ day sun
Physostegia sp. – Obedient Plant, 24-36",
 sun to ½ day sun
Pyrethrum sp. syn *Tanacetum coccineum* –
 Painted Daisy, 24-36", sun
Rudbeckia sp. – Black-Eyed Susan, 24-30",
 sun to ½ day sun
Scabiosa sp. – Pincushion Flower, 16-24",
 sun to ½ day sun
Solidago 'Fireworks' – Goldenrod, 36",
 sun to ½ day sun
Thalictrum aquilegifolium – Meadow Rue,
 24", ½ day sun
Tradescantia sp. – Spiderwort, 18-24", ½
 day sun to part shade

Trollius sp. – Globeflower, 24-30", sun to
 ½ day sun
Veronicastrum virginicum – Culver's Root,
 36", ½ day sun to sun

Annuals:



Ageratum sp. – Floss Flower – 6-48", sun
Amaranthus caudatus – Love Lies Bleeding,
 24-60", sun
Anethum graveolens – Dill, 24-48", sun
Calendula officinalis – 12-24", sun
Celosia argentea – Cockscomb, 12-60", sun
Centaurea sp. – Bachelor's Buttons, 12-36",
 sun
Cosmos 'Sensation Mix' – 36-48", sun
Dahlia sp. – 18-60", sun
Eucalyptus sp. – sun, 24-72", sun
Gladiolus sp. – 24-60", sun
Gomphrena globosa – Globe Amaranth,
 1-2', sun
Helianthus 'Mammoth' – Sunflower, 9-12',
 sun
Jacobaea maritima syn. *Senecio cineraria* –
 Dusty Miller, 6-18", sun
Rudbeckia hirta 'Denver Daisy' & 'Prairie
 Sun' – 24-36", sun
Xerochrysum bracteatum – Strawflower,
 12-60", sun
Zinnia 'State Fair Mix' – 36", sun

Trees & Shrubs:



Woody plants can be used in arrangements year round, and for winter greenery - wreaths, swags, garlands, etc.

Abelia spp. – 2-5', sun

Buxus spp. – Boxwood, 3-8', sun

Callicarpa americana – Beautyberry, 4-8',
sun to part shade

Chaenomeles sp. – Flowering Quince, 4-6',
sun to part sun

Chamaecyparis pisifera 'Golden Mop' –
Japanese falsecypress, 5', sun

Clethra alnifolia – Summersweet – 4-8', sun
to part shade

Cornus florida – Flowering Dogwood,
15-30', sun to part sun

Cornus sanguinea 'Midwinter Fire' –
Bloodtwig Dogwood, 5-6' sun to part
sun

Cornus sericea – Red Twig Dogwood, 7-9',
sun

Corylopsis sp. – Winterhazel, 4-8', sun to
part sun

Cotinus coggygria – Smoketree, 15', sun to
part sun

Deutzia – 3-10' depending on cultivar, sun
to part sun

Forsythia 'Lynwood Gold' – 6-9', sun to
light shade

Fothergilla gardenii – Dwarf Fothergilla,
1.5-3', sun to part sun

Hamamelis vernalis – Ozark Witch Hazel,
6-10', sun to part sun

Hamamelis virginiana – Common witch
hazel, 15-20', sun to part sun

Hydrangea spp. – 36-72", sun to part shade

Ilex verticillata – Winterberry Holly, 3-12',
sun to part sun

Magnolia grandiflora – Southern Magnolia,
20-80' depending on cultivar, sun

Malus spp. – Flowering crabapple, 15-30',
sun

Oxydendrum arboreum – Sourwood, 25-30',
sun

Physocarpus 'Diablo' – Ninebark, 4-8', sun
to part sun

Pinus strobus – White Pine, 3-200'
depending on cultivar, sun to part sun

Poncirus trifoliata – Hardy orange, 8-20',
sun

Rosa sp. – Rose, 1-8', sun

Sambucus sp. – Elderberry, 48-96", sun to
½ day sun

Spiraea sp. – Spirea – 3-6', sun to part sun

Syringa sp. – Lilac, 8-30' depending on
exact species and cultivar, sun

Viburnum spp. – Viburnum, Snowball
Bush, 6-20' depending on species and
cultivar, sun to part sun

Vitex agnus-castus – Chastetree, 10-15', sun

Weigela florida – Weigela, 6-10', sun

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