

Cutting Gardens

If you love to bring your own-grown flowers into your home but are reluctant to take away from your flowerbeds, consider a cutting garden.

A cutting garden is a separate area in your garden to grow flowers to bring indoors or to give to family and friends.

If you have a sunny, out-of-the-way spot in your yard – perhaps behind the garage or in an unused corner – it might be right for your cutting garden. You can even make the cutting garden an extension of your vegetable garden.

Don't worry about how it looks. This is not a display garden (although cutting gardens can be abundantly beautiful at the peak of the season).

The purpose of a cutting garden is to supply you with lots of flowers and foliage to enhance your home or give as gifts.

Below, you'll find a list of plants that work well in a cutting garden.

Cut foliage needn't stop with flowers. Consider herbs such as sage, rosemary and mint, which add wonderful texture and aroma to the bouquet.

We all love bringing in flowers from our own garden—even if it's just one to place in a bud vase.

Annuals for a Cutting Garden

- ✂✂ Ageratum (Floss Flower)
- ✂✂ Calendula
- ✂✂ Campanula
- ✂✂ Celosia, cristata (Cockscomb)*
- ✂✂ Cleome (Spider Flower)
- ✂✂ Cosmos
- ✂✂ Dianthus
- ✂✂ Eustoma (Lisianthus)
- ✂✂ Geranium
- ✂✂ Gypsophila (Baby's Breath)*
- ✂✂ Helicbrysum (Strawflower)
- ✂✂ Marigold
- ✂✂ Matthiola (Stock)
- ✂✂ Nicotiana (Flowering Tobacco)
- ✂✂ Pansy
- ✂✂ Petunia
- ✂✂ Phlox
- ✂✂ Salvia farinacea
- ✂✂ Snapdragon
- ✂✂ Sunflower*
- ✂✂ Verbena bonariensis
- ✂✂ Zinnia

* Indicates good for drying also



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Perennials for a Cutting Garden

- ✂✂ Achillea (Yarrow)*
- ✂✂ Aster
- ✂✂ Campanula
- ✂✂ Chrysanthemum, such as Shasta Daisy
- ✂✂ Coreopsis
- ✂✂ Delphinium
- ✂✂ Dianthus, deltoids (Pinks)
- ✂✂ Digitalis (Foxglove)
- ✂✂ Echinacea (Purple Coneflower)
- ✂✂ Echinops exaltatus (Globe Thistle)*
- ✂✂ Gypsophila (Baby's Breath)*
- ✂✂ Heuchera (Coral Bells)
- ✂✂ Kniphofia (Red Hot Poker)
- ✂✂ Lavender*
- ✂✂ Lobelia
- ✂✂ Lupine
- ✂✂ Phlox
- ✂✂ Poppy, Shirley or Iceland
- ✂✂ Rudbeckia (Black-Eyed Susan)
- ✂✂ Sages
- ✂✂ Solidago (Goldenrod)
- ✂✂ Veronica



Foliage for a Cutting Garden

- ✂✂ Asparagus, densiflorus
- ✂✂ Asparagus, sprengeri
- ✂✂ Coleus
- ✂✂ Dusty Miller
- ✂✂ Eucalyptus
- ✂✂ Euphorbia (Snow on the Mountain)
- ✂✂ Flowering Cabbage
- ✂✂ Flowering Kale
- ✂✂ Sage, Tri-color

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