



# The Cutting Garden



A cutting garden can be a landscaped bed or container garden placed in the sun or shade where you can grow a bountiful selection of **long stemmed** annuals, perennials, and shrubs. Ideal cutting garden plants have long lasting flowers, repeat bloom cycles, and can provide **foliage, filler, berries** and **flowering** interest in a vase or out in the garden. Also try some cutting plants that are excellent in dried arrangements or are heavily perfumed to freshen any room. As you start cutting, keep these tips in mind:

- ❖ Use clean, sharp garden shears to not tear or rip stems on the plants
- ❖ Cut stems in the coolest part of the day, usually early morning
- ❖ Cut stems at a diagonal to increase water absorption
- ❖ Immediately submerge the cut stems in a bucket of lukewarm water; re-cut when you are ready to arrange
- ❖ Replace water daily to keep the stems lasting longer
- ❖ Enjoy growing the following plants in your cutting garden:

## Perennials/Bulbs

Achillea (Yarrow)  
 Aconitum (Monkshood)  
 Agastache (Fragrant Hyssop)  
 Alcea (Hollyhock)  
 Alchemilla (Lady's Mantle)  
 Allium (Ornamental Onion)  
 Aquilegia (Columbine)  
 Armeria (Sea Thrift)  
 Asters  
 Astilbe  
 Baptisia (False Indigo)  
 Boltonia  
 Catanche (Cupid's Dart)  
 Centaurea (Bachelor's Buttons)  
 Chrysanthemum  
 Convollaria (Lily of the Valley)  
 Coreopsis  
 Crocosmia  
 Delphinium  
 Dianthus (Carnation)  
 Digitalis (Foxglove)  
 Echinacea (Coneflower)  
 Erigeron (Fleabane)  
 Eupatorium (Joe Pye Weed)  
 Ferns  
 Gaillardia (Blanket Flower)  
 Geum  
 Grasses  
 Gypsophila (Baby's Breath)  
 Helenium (Helen's Flower)  
 Heliopsis (Ox-Eye Daisy)  
 Heuchera (Coral Bells)

Hosta  
 Hyacinth  
 Iberis (Candy Tuft)  
 Iris  
 Lavandula (Lavender)  
 Leucanthemum (Shasta Daisy)  
 Liatris (Gayfeather)  
 Lilium (Oriental and Asiatic)  
 Limonium (Statice)  
 Lobelia (Cardinal Flower)  
 Lunaria (Moneyplant)  
 Lupine  
 Malva (Mallow)  
 Monarda (Bee Balm)  
 Narcissus (Daffodils)  
 Nepeta (Cat Mint)  
 Paeonia (Peony)  
 Papaver (Poppy)  
 Penstemon (Beardtongue)  
 Perovskia (Russian Sage)  
 Phlox (Tall/Garden)  
 Physostegia (Obedient Plant)  
 Platycodon (Balloon Flower)  
 Pyrethrum (Painted Daisy)  
 Rudbeckia (Black Eyed Susan)  
 Salvia (Meadow Sage)  
 Scabiosa (Pincushion Flower)  
 Sedum spectabile (Stonecrop)  
 Stokesia (Stokes' Aster)  
 Tanacetum (Tansy)  
 Thalictrum (Meadow Rue)  
 Trollius (Globeflower)  
 Veronica (Speedwell)

## Shrubs

Buddleia (Butterfly Bush)  
 Callicarpa (Beauty Berry)  
 Clethra (Summersweet)  
 Cornus (Dogwood)  
 Forsythia  
 Hydrangea  
 Hypericum (St. John's Wort)  
 Ilex (Holly)  
 Syringa (Lilacs)  
 Magnolia  
 Mock-Orange  
 Roses  
 Salix (Willow)  
 Viburnum

## Annuals/Bulbs

Calla Lily  
 Celosia  
 Cleome  
 Cosmos  
 Dahlia  
 Gerbera Daisy  
 Gladiolus  
 Gomphrena  
 Grasses  
 Heliotrope  
 Marigold  
 Nicotiana (Tobacco Flower)  
 Osteospermum (Blue-eyed Daisy)  
 Salvia  
 Snapdragon  
 Statice  
 Strawflower  
 Sunflower  
 Tulip  
 Zinnias