

## Perennial means enduring...

Annuals live and die in one season and must be replanted each year. Plants that die down, endure the winter, but grow back bigger than ever when the spring comes, are perennials. Perennials can be planted at any time throughout the growing season, until 2-3 weeks before the ground freezes. If you buy established perennials and plant them early, it's a pretty safe bet you'll get blooms in your garden before winter. Buying established plants is the fastest way to produce beautiful results in your garden. Plant perennials once and enjoy their beauty year after year. Perennials come in all shapes and sizes. Become acquainted with fail-safe heirloom perennials, or the hottest new gorgeous plant. Learning about design basics can provide you with a lifetime of gardening joy.

Learning to use the diverse colors and textures of perennials is an endless joy. After all, isn't it the pure pleasure of watching your garden bloom and thrive throughout the spring, summer and fall that sparks your interest in the first place? Picking perennials that will thrive in your garden depends on a few things: the climate in your region; the amount of sun that reaches the planting area; the different bloom times of the perennials you choose; the flower colors you like best; the mature height and width of each plant; and the condition of the perennial at your reputable garden center.

Many perennials are grown for their foliage shape and texture as well as their beautiful blooms. They offer dramatic visual contrasts or harmonies in addition to flower colors. The ways to enhance your landscape becomes endless. As your perennial knowledge and experience increases, your landscape will increase in value as well as long-term beauty. You will soon discover the true beauty and many varieties of perennials that are available

## gardening is ...

For most of us, our daily lives have become a complex balancing act between family, work, recreation and maintaining our homes. Although we would probably like to be involved in activities that will improve our own well being and that of the world around us, finding a way to fit such projects into our schedules seems a daunting task. But is it? Right in our back yards - front yards - and decks - we can do something that is fun, healthy, good for the environment and adds beauty to our surroundings as well. Design your garden based on what you like to do to make sure you spend most of your time doing just that.

Gardening is like taking a vacation in our very own yard. It is a chance to get away and *relax* in the comfort of nature. Gardening allows you to dig in, *get your hands dirty* and reconnect with nature.



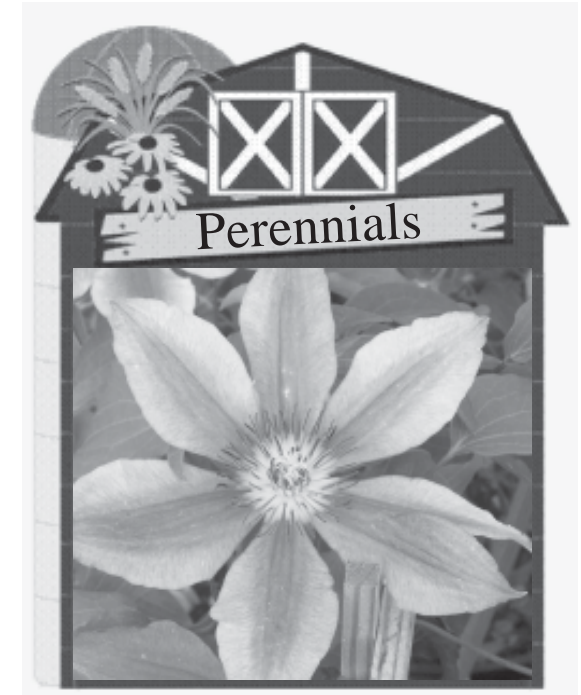
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## CLEMATIS...



*...have sensational blooms in a range of gorgeous colors. Trained on arbors, walls, light posts, or fences, they grow 6-12' high, and take 2-3 years to become fully established. Clematis prefer even moisture, roots kept cool and shaded (use a light mulch or plant shallow rooted perennials over them), and lots of sunshine. Clematis contribute to any landscape with their graceful habits and splendid blooms.*

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For sensational big blooms in a range of gorgeous colors, our varieties can be trained on arbors, walls, fences, or use them for screening a spot that's not so pretty, or to cover stumps or climb on poles. Our experience is that vines grown in full sun will produce heavier blooms for a shorter time period than those grown in partial shade where blooms won't be as heavy, but will extend over a longer time. Don't use heavy bark or leaf mulches in summer as they can promote Clematis wilt. Keep the moisture level of your vines even—never very dry or very wet. Hybrid cultivars include the following with similar growing needs:

**Plant five feet apart, Zone 3–8, full sun to part shade**

## **Bee's Jubilee**

Mauve with deep red bar down the center of each sepal.  
Flower Size: 6–7", Height: 8–10'  
Flowering: May – June & September

## **Carnaby**

Pink with red bar down the center of each sepal.  
Flower Size: 4–5", Height: 8–12'  
Flowering: May – June & September

## **Comtesse de Bouchard**

Velvet rose-pink. One of the best pinks. Free flowering.  
Flower Size: 4–6", Height: 8–12'  
Flowering: June – September

## **Duchess of Edinburgh**

Rosette shaped double white flowers. Popular classic.  
Flower Size: 4–5", Height: 10–12'  
Flowering: May – June & September

## **Ernest Markham**

Magenta red. Robust grower. Classic.  
Flower Size: 4–5", Height: 12–15'  
Flowering: July – September

## **General Sikorski**

Large lavender-purple flowers. Free flowering.  
Flower Size: 6–8", Height: 8–10'  
Flowering: June – September

## **Hagley Hybrids**

Shell pink flowers. Prolific bloomer. Compact.  
Flower Size: 4–6", Height: 7–8'  
Flowering: June – September

## **Henryii**

Large white flower. Most popular white.  
Flower Size: 6–8", Height: 8–10'  
Flowering: June – September

## **Jackmanii**

Dark purple flower. Most profuse and famous.  
Flower Size: 4–5", Height: 10–12'  
Flowering: June – August

## **Miss Bateman**

Round shaped pure white flowers. Compact. Free flowering classic.  
Flower Size: 5–6", Height: 6–8'  
Flowering: May – June

## **Mrs. N. Thompson**

Deep blue-purple flower with red bar. Strongest contrast of color.  
Flower Size: 5–6", Height: 8–12'  
Flowering: May - June & September

## **Multi-Blue**

Double dark blue to purple. Spiky appearance.  
Flower Size: 4–5", Height: 7–8'  
Flowering: June - September

## **Nellie Moser**

Pale pink with dark red bar down the middle of each sepal. Flower Size: 5–6", Height: 8–12'  
Flowering: May - June & September

## **Niobe**

Dark ruby-red. Long blooming classic.  
Flower Size: 5–6" Height: 10–12'  
Flowering: June - September

## **Polish Spirit**

Rich purple-blue flowers. Free flowering.  
Flower Size: 3–4", Height: 12–15'  
Flowering: July – September

## **Ramona**

Lavender blue flowers. Very vigorous grower. Nice foliage.  
Flower Size: 5–7", Height 8–12'  
Flowering: June – September

## **The President**

Deep purple flowers. A continuous bloomer. An old favorite.  
Flower Size: 5–6", Height: 8–12'  
Flowering: June – September

## **Ville De Lyon**

Large carmine red sepals with lighter centers. An old favorite.  
Flower Size: 4–5", Height: 12–15'  
Flowering: June – September

## **montana 'Ruben'**

Pale pink 1" flowers are produced in early summer on red stems and the young leaves are tinged purple. Beautifully covers unsightly structures, carports, or fences over an area as large as 20–30'  
**Plant 5' apart, Zone 6–9, full sun to part shade**

## **paniculata Sweet Autumn Clematis**

Sweetly scented, creamy white 1" blossoms in great profusion from late summer on (August–September). Vigorous and easy to grow, this old-fashioned vine blooms on new wood, and later forms silvery seed heads  
**Plant 5' apart, Zone 5–9, full sun to part shade**