

LAWN, FARM AND GARDEN

Plant a Picture Perfect Garden With Perennials

Most of us enjoy seeing gorgeous gardens pictured in magazines, but few of us attempt to replicate them. The possibility seems overwhelming - not to mention time consuming and expensive.

Guess what? Gardens don't have to be elaborate to be beautiful. The simplest of gardens can make a big splash without breaking your back - or the bank. Perennial gardens add color to your landscape and are great for beginners. Perennials are easy to grow and their colorful blooms return year after year.

A flower garden's location will dictate what types of perennials to plant. Is it mostly sunny or predominately shady? When purchasing plants or seed packets, be sure to check their labels for light requirements. If you're new to gardening, don't be afraid to ask nursery profes-

sionals for help. Perennial favorites like daylilies, peonies, black-eyed Susans and purple coneflower work well in most regions.

For picture perfect gardens, pay attention to color and form. Choose plants with complementary colors and varying heights. If you want to make a powerful statement, group flowers in a mass. A splash of bright zinnias or cheerful daylilies will pack a punch in any yard.

When you're ready to plant, start with good soil. That's the key to healthy plants. Their tender roots need fertile loam to grow and become established. In most areas, soil needs amendment with organic matter before seeds are sown or flowers are planted.

When you plant perennials, remember to leave enough space between them to accommodate their mature size. Spacing directions should be on the pot label or seed package.

To give your garden a polished look, pay attention to edging. Easy Gardener makes a variety of functional edgings and decorative borders to showcase flower and landscape beds.

Functional edging and borders protect gardens from creeping grasses and weeds. They also hold mulch in place. Emerald Edge® is a green pound-in border that comes in manageable four-foot sections, is a best seller in the U.S. Another favorite is the Adirondack Border. The slatted border, reminiscent of the familiar Adirondack chair back, comes in three colors - white, forest green and sienna red.

For a decorative flair, add an ornamental border like Easy Gardener's Forged Iron Border. It looks like wrought iron and can be

double-stacked to create a taller fence-like edge. For further information on Easy Gardener borders, call (800) 327-9462 or visit www.easygardener.com.

Time-crunched gardeners need minimal garden maintenance. This is another reason easy perennials make sense. If you can spare 30 minutes a week, you can maintain a perennial garden. A 10-minute walk around the garden every other day to water and remove weeds should do the trick.

Don't be afraid to try your hand at gardening this year. Enjoying a cluster of colorful flowers framed with a beautiful border in your own yard will be far more rewarding than looking at a picture in a magazine!



Protect Produce From Pilfering Wildlife

Fruit trees and berry bushes reward patient caretakers with spring flowers, fall color and tasty treats. They also add visual appeal and property value to landscapes, and they're irresistibly appetizing to some of Mother Nature's cutest creatures.

If you grow food-bearing plants, don't let unwelcome wildlife beat you to your hard-earned harvest.

Create a barrier between plants and hungry critters by covering tender vegetation and crops with a mesh barrier like BirdBlock. It's great for guarding fruits, berries, vegetables and even newly seeded lawns. And it won't harm the would-be thieves. The openings are small enough to prevent birds and other tiny animals from becoming entangled

and injured.

Use a pole to guide BirdBlock into place over tall trees. Drape it over smaller trees, then gather and tie the fabric at the base so birds can't enter underneath. Secure BirdBlock over low-growing berries and vegetables with Easy Gardener Fabric Pegs to guard against bunnies and other browsers.


Keeping deer out of your garden can be a challenge. They love to eat. In fact, they consume between four and five pounds of vegetation daily.

Fencing is the most effective way to stop deer from turning your lawn or garden into an all-you-can-eat salad bar. But fencing can be expensive. DeerBlock® is an affordable and effective fencing option. The lightweight, UV-treated mesh is 7' tall and comes in 100' rolls. It can be used as a fence or a plant covering.

Want an extra layer of protection? Lay DeerBlock flat on the ground around planting areas. Deer dislike the unusual feeling of the mesh underfoot, and they will turn away after stepping on it.

You'll find BirdBlock, DeerBlock and Easy Gardener Fabric Pegs at lawn and garden centers, chain retailers, hardware stores or by calling 1-800-327-9462.

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