Shades of Beautiful

YOUR GUIDE TO DESIGNING WITH COLOR

10 Stunning Palettes for Spring and Summer





Set the Mood With Purple

BLACK TOWER ELDERBERRY JAPANESE PAINTED FERN PLUM PASSION[®] HYDRANGEA

Shades of purple, silver, and plum bring a sophisticated elegance to the garden. By pulling in richly colored foliage, this look carries on through the season. The pink flower buds of the Black Tower Elderberry (Zones 4-8), opening to clouds of near-white against almost-black leaves, are the first to bloom, with the Plum Passion[®] Hydrangea (Zones 7-10) picking up the palette later in the season. The Japanese Painted Fern (Zones 4-8) serves up the footlights to this drama, with glowing silver leaves lined with rich purple.







A Delicious Combo

NITTY GRITTY[™] PEACH ROSE BOUNTIFUL BLUE® BLUEBERRY FEELIN' BLUE DEODAR CEDAR

Peaches and blueberries aren't just a tasty combo - they blend beautifully together as a color palette, too. Blueberries have amazing ornamental appeal, with loads of spring flowers and bright fall foliage along with those gorgeous summertime berries. Try Bountiful Blue® Blueberry (Zones 6-10) planted next to Nitty Gritty[™] Peach Rose (Zones 4-9) in a shrub border. Feelin' Blue Deodar Cedar (Zones 6-9) brings the blue tones when the berries aren't in season.



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A Pinch of Zest

AUTUMN FERN HOSTA SIRENS' SONG™ ORANGE DELIGHT HEUCHERA

Sirens' Song™ Orange Delight Heuchera (Zones 4-9) brings zest to a soothing green, chartreuse, and cream shade garden. Hostas (Zones vary) build in more color, with cream-edged and lime green leaves brightening the spot. The Heuchera's bold orange leaves are softly echoed by the Autumn Fern's (Zones 4-9) new foliage, while its chartreuse spring flowers pick up just enough of the Hosta to coordinate without being matchy-match.







A Royal Pairing

WALKER'S LOW CATMINT SEASIDE SERENADE® NEWPORT HYDRANGEA

GOLDEN CHARM THREAD-BRANCH CYPRESS

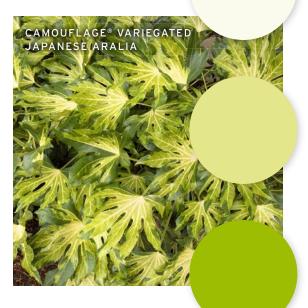
This pairing is fit for a king – purple pops against a backing of gold. This combo also works beautifully as a pathway planting, with billowing masses of Walker's Low Catmint (Zones 4-9) spilling softly over edges, while Golden Charm Thread-Branch Cypress (Zones 4-8) lights the way. In light shade, add in Seaside Serenade® Newport Hydrangea (Zones 4-9) for reblooming masses of rich purplish blue to magenta flowers (depending on your soil pH). In sunny spots, yellow daylilies add a crowning touch.







SEASIDE SERENADE[®] BAR HARBOR HYDRANGEA





Cool Days, Glowing Nights

SEASIDE SERENADE® BAR HARBOR HYDRANGEA

CAMOUFLAGE[®] VARIEGATED JAPANESE ARALIA

BRIDAL VEIL ASTILBE

Never forget: Green is a color and comes in many shades. White is a classic pairing that never goes out of style. By day, a white and green garden soothes and cools. When nighttime falls, it glows. Seaside Serenade® Bar Harbor Hydrangea (Zones 3-8) holds masses of big, white flowerheads on sturdy stems all summer. The candle-like plumes of Bridal Veil Astilbe (Zones 4-9) offer a contrasting shape in the same color. Camouflage® Variegated Japanese Aralia (Zones 7-10), a special find by plant hunter Dan Hinkley, melds the palette together in each glossy leaf. In cooler climates, variegated Hostas would also work well.



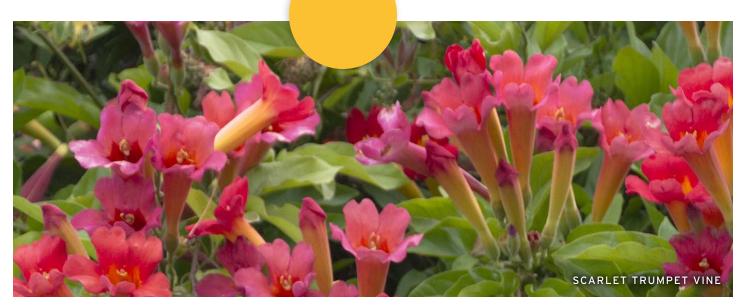
Colors That Spark

JAZZY JEWEL® GOLD HIBISCUS TROPICANNA® CANNA SCARLET TRUMPET VINE

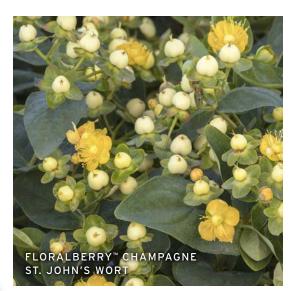
Fire it up! Use colors that hold up to the heat with these sizzling beauties. Don't be shy about turning up the intensity and loading your garden with showy flowers and foliage. Tropicanna® Canna (Zones 7-11) pulls the combo together, with every hot shade under the sun. Jazzy Jewel® Hibiscus (Zones 9-11) shines its own spotlight. A canopy of Scarlet Trumpet Vine (Zones 9-11) raises the color temperature – and the focal point – even higher.











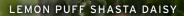
Soft and Sweet

LEMON PUFF[™] SHASTA DAISY FLORALBERRY[™] CHAMPAGNE ST. JOHN'S WORT

CASCADE[™] PICOTEE HELLEBORE

Candied shades of yellow and pink yield a tasty confection. Cascade[™] Picotee Hellebore (Zones 4-9) blooms early but lasts for months, holding on until the Lemon Puff[™] Shasta Daisy (Zones 4-9) is just about ready to burst forth. With a range of tones from softest yellow to deeper gold, it's easy to pair with so many plants. The FloralBerry[™] Champagne St. John's Wort (Zones 5-9) is a bubbly delight, with yellow flowers leading to sprays of long-lasting berries that will carry the color into fall.

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SUNBELIEVABLE[™] BROWN EYED GIRL HELIANTHUS

Summer Sizzler

FLAMETHROWER[™] CHILI PEPPER COLEUS

SUPERCAL® TERRA COTTA PETCHOA

SUNBELIEVABLE™ BROWN-EYED GIRL HELIANTHUS

Want a combo that keeps shining on? SunBelievable[™] Sunflower (Zones All) keeps blooming for months, so we paired it with other colorful annual performers with serious staying power. FlameThrower[™] Chili Pepper Coleus provides the filler, while SuperCal[®] Petchoa provides the spiller (we picked Terra Cotta for this combo, but you could also turn up the intensity with lipstick-red Cherry Improved or soften the look with Salmon Glow). And of course, you'll be thrilled by SunBelievable! Want to go even bigger? Add in Red Leaved Banana (Zones 10-11) for height.







Bold and Beautiful

CALLIOPE[®] LARGE MAGENTA GERANIUM

SUN PARASOL[®] WHITE MANDEVILLA

TECHNO[®] VIOLET LOBELIA

Strong colors need a strong partner. Calliope® Large Magenta Geranium is a big, bright beauty that needs an equally bold pairing to keep it in balance. Enter Sun Parasol® White Mandevilla, a lush, flowering tropical vine with a bounty of 2- to 3- inch pure white blooms with yellow throats. Techno® Violet Lobelia has the vivid purple color needed to round out the trio, and a spreading habit and smaller flower size to fill in any gaps. These easycare, long-blooming annuals glory in sunlight that is as strong as they are.











BLUSHING BRIDE CALADIUM



INTENZ CELOSIA BLUSHING BRIDE CALADIUM GARVINEA® SWEET SURPRISE GERBER DAISY

Can pink be red hot? This combo says yes! Each plant fans the flames, starting with Blushing Bride Caladium, a mostlydemure beauty with a touch of heat right in the center of each leaf. Garvinea® Sweet Surprise Gerber Daisy adds fuel to the fire, with loads of purely hot pink flowers (up to 100 in a season!) with a sunny yellow eye. Then the combo really ignites, with flickers of flame-shaped Intenz Celosia. These electrifying plumes hold their color through the heat of summer and into fall, supported by robust, compact foliage.





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Blue and green are a cool combo for spring and summer. Blue Enchantress® Hydrangea pairs perfectly with a cascade of Fubuki Japanese Forest Grass.

