

PERFECT PLANT COMBOS

for Every Garden

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Start with STRUCTURE

Golden feverfew, Echeveria, Cordyline, Euphorbia
Bupleurum fruticosum, Echinacea 'Merlot', Erysimum, blue fescue, Juniper 'Blue Arrow', Yucca 'Color Guard', from www.egardengo created by Darcy Daniels

Create VIGNETTES

Fuchsia 'Billy Green', Coleus, angel wing begonia, Ipomea 'Margarita'
Euphorbia 'Tasmanian Tiger', barberry, heuchera
Podophyllum (May Apple) 'Red Panda', Dryopteris erythrosora (autumn fern)
Lily 'Anastasia', Sanguisorba 'Lilac Squirrel'

Similar GROWING REQUIREMENTS

Nemesia 'Opal Innocence', Tanacetum densum
Cephalotaxus 'Fastigiata', Stewartia, Hydrangea 'Green Cloud', soft shield fern,
Sesleria autumnalis (grass), Veronica 'Georgia Blue'
Fatsia 'Camouflage', Lonicera 'Baggeson's Gold', Cedrus (cedar) deodara 'Feelin' Blue'
Miscanthus 'Morning Light', Echinacea 'Merlot', Persicaria 'Firetail', Sedum
'Autumn Joy', Geranium 'Rozanne' blue fescue grass
Bupleurum fruticosum, Juniper 'Daub's Frosted', Crepe Myrtle 'Arapaho', Sedum
'Dragon's Blood', Yucca 'Golden Sword'

FOCAL POINTS for Emphasis and Interest

Aeonium, Senecio 'Chalk Sticks', black mondo grass
Salvia 'Blue Queen', Heuchera 'Caramel' and 'Frosted Violet'
Miscanthus 'Morning Light', Gladiolus 'Purple Flora', dahlia
Hosta 'Blue Angel' heuchera, dwarf mondo grass

Limit your COLOR pallet

Athyrium niponicum var. pictum (Japanese painted fern), rex begonia
Dahlia 'Boone', Rosa 'At Last'
Foxtail lily, Eucalyptus, Spirea, Clematis durandii

Double white begonia, double white impatiens, alyssum, variegated liriopse,
 Variegated ivy
 Double white begonia, double white impatiens, Hydrangea 'Wedding Gown'
 Euphorbia 'Ruby Glow', Heuchera 'Spellbound'
 Boxwood 'Golden Dream', Bergenia
 Aralia 'Sun King', Strobilanthes (Persian shield), Tradescantia 'Blushing
 Bride' Crocosmia 'Solfatare', bromeliad
 Oriental poppy 'Golden Glory', Allium
 Red hot poker, Echinops
 Crocosmia 'Fern Hill', Stachys 'Hummelo'
 Helenium 'Moreheim Beauty', Salvia guaranitica, Hedychium 'Tara' (Ginger lily)
 Phygelius 'Passionate', pink gladiolus (eek)
 Verbascum, Eryngium, Aстранtia, Queen Anne's lace
 Delphinium, rose 'Graham Thomas'
 Clematis 'Violetta', rose 'Lavender Pinocchio'
 Strobilanthes (Persian shield), dahlia
 Clematis 'Etoile Violette', Solanum 'Glasnevin'

Color echos

Petunia 'White Russian', Astilbe, variegated lamium, bacopa
 Cordyline 'Festival', Coprosma
 Canna 'Tropicana', Coprosma 'Tutti Frutti'
 Cautleya spicata, lily 'Scherazade'
 Persian shield, Oxalis 'Iron Cross'
 Hydrangea 'Pistacio', lily 'Stargazer', Euphorbia 'Dean's Hybrid'
 Martagon lily 'Alba', Cardoon
 Fuchsia 'Preston Guild', Helichrysum 'Icicle', Japanese painted fern

REPETITION creates unity and flow

Agave parryi, sedum
 Hakonechloa (Japanese forest grass), arborvitae
 Rose, Eremurus (foxtail lily)
 Blue fescue, hosta, fern
 Rose, 'Comte de Chambord', foxglove

UNITY with "Knitters"

Tropaeolum speciosum (Flame nasturtium)
 Tropaeolum peregrinum (Canary vine)
 Clematis durandii
 Dicentra (now, Dactilcapnos) scandens (Bleeding heart vine)
 Aconitum episcopale (Climbing monkshood)
 Nigella damascene (Love-in-a-mist)
 Teuchrium hircanicum (Iranian germander)

You must have TEXTURE AND FORM contrast

Gunnera, Hydrangea arborescens, Drimys winteri, Fuchsia 'Windcliff Flurry',
 Edgeworthia, pampas grass, Berberis 'Royal Cloak'

Begonia 'Escargot', Japanese painted fern, Fuchsia 'Gartenmeister Bosted'
Cryptomeria 'Sekkan Sugi', Astilbe 'Fanal', bear's breeches (Acanthus 'Holland's

Gold), Carex 'Toffee Twist' Osmanthus 'Goshiki' Physocarpus 'Coppertina'
Seleginella 'Aurea', Pernetta variegata, fuchsia, Hydrangea 'Blue Billow'
Martagon lily, Podophyllum pleianthemum, Carex elata
Japanese forest grass, Begonia boliviensis, angel's trumpet
Heuchera 'Velvet Night', Rodgersia, Hosta 'Francis Williams', fern, Solomon's seal,
Hydrangea 'Glowing Embers'
Rodgersia 'Fireworks', Acorus 'Ogon'
Carex morrowii, Hamamelis 'Jelena'
Potentilla geida or lineata, Artemisia 'Powis Castle'

Sequential Planting

Cornus sericea 'Hedgerow's Gold', Acorus 'Ogon', golden feverfew, daffodils,
Drumstick alliums
White rhododendron, azalea, wisteria, variegated aralia, white rose

Don't forget the FLOWERS!

A great website for planting combinations: www.egardengo.com

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