



EASY CUT FLOWERS

ANNUALS

VERBENA BONARIENSIS reliable and a lovely purple bloom with long wiry stems that hold up well to handling and mixing into all kinds of arrangements.

ZINNIAS come in all shapes and colors, are best suited for August or later. Require deadheading all summer long, but will branch out and be very productive once well established.

SUNFLOWERS there are lots of sunflower varieties that are designed specifically for cut flowers. Some of our favorites are Giant Sungold Teddy Bear, Sunbright Supreme and Soraya. The only tricky thing is getting the timing just right. They only are perfect to harvest for about 10 days, after that their single blossoms start to drop their petals.

AGERATUM blue, can be tall if planted correctly - a little closer together. Needs deadheading all summer long if you are planning for a late summer or fall event. Very productive if well established and well taken care of.

AGROSTEMMA has a lovely, floating quality that gives a lot of life to mixed bouquets. It's airy and delicate, comes in purple or white and produces lots of good, long stems all summer long. Again, needs constant picking and deadheading to produce blooms all summer long.

AMMI this is beautiful filler in mixed bouquets or in all-white arrangements. Easy to grow from transplants and produces, nice, tall stems.

COSMOS come in a variety of textures and lengths, best suited for mid-August or later. While they are beautiful, they do take up a lot of room for not always a lot of stems.

SNAPDRAGONS another multi-colored option or can also be grown as strains of single colors. We offer many options of snapdragons. The stems can sometimes be a little short, but with good fertility and 6" spacing, they will grow straight and tall.

CELOSIAS come in many shapes, sizes or colors. These are a hardy, easy to grow and more forgiving than others. And they can be dried for long-term use.

PERENNIALS

JAPANESE WILLOW, SALIX 'HAKARO NISHIKI' This is a stunning filler. Pink, green and white variegated foliage looks like delicate petals. Shrub willows always benefit from regular cutting and on this variety, the new growth is more pink and flashy.

HYDRANGEA PANICULATA 'LIMELIGHT' Most hydrangeas do really well in vases. They act as a delicate, feminine filler and are long lasting. Can be dried for everlasting arrangements as well.

PHYSOCARPUS 'SUMMER WINE' Another shrub that is well suited for bouquets. Arching, dark burgundy stems and leaves, pale pink/white blossoms that cover the stem and a sweet aroma make this a lovely addition to mixed bouquets. Cut the stems long for a dramatic effect.

SALVIA 'MAY NIGHT' A dark blue/purple with medium length stems. Cutting the stems low down near the crown of the plant will help to stimulate more blooms and will help control diseases by increasing air flow.

ASCLEPIAS TUBEROSA This orange-flowered cultivar of milkweed is taller than the native version, long lasting in vases, and does not mind a cut here or there in the least.

PEONY 'SARAH BERNHARDT' A pale pink bloom, nice in the vase as a simple combo with the dark burgundy stems of the previously mentioned physocarpus shrub.

RUDBECKIA 'GOLDSTRUM' A cheery late summer flower that is lovely with echinacea purpurea, Salvia 'May Night' and even golden rod.

MONARDA 'GARDENVIEW SCARLET' A cheery, red bee-balm that also benefits from frequent stem cuts. Anytime you cut out some foliage, air flow is increased and the risk of foliar disease is decreased.

PHLOX PANICULATA 'DAVID' A delicate white addition to early- and mid- summer arrangements. Tall stems are great for drama and the divine fragrance really fills a whole room.

ACHILLEA 'COLORADO' OR 'APRICOT DELIGHT' OR 'SUNNY SEDUCTION' These are all well branched cultivars that produce an abundance of tall, wiry stems that are perfect for the vase. Early summer to mid summer blooming can be encouraged to bloom again in the fall with repeated pruning and cutting. Can be used in everlasting arrangements as well.