

Annuals & Perennials for Fall & Winter

Fall is a wonderful time to enjoy the dramatic, lush colours of nature. Our Garden Works experts have selected a few of their favourite annuals and perennials with outstanding autumn colour.

SYMBOL KEY

Botanical name, Common name



full sun to part shade

full shade

Af fall foliage colour



height

great cut flower

Anemone x hybrida Japanese Anemone

↑2-5ft 🌞 🐞 🔀 pink, red, white, burgundy An outstanding, low maintenance plant for the fall garden, it spreads to form a solid patch of delicate poppy-like flowers held high above the branching stems. Mulch extra well the first winter.

Fall Aster Michaelmas Daisy

↑18"-5ft • 🔭 💸 🚓 pink, white, mauve, blue, purple, red

Reliable, showy plants with a wide range of flower colours and plant heights from which to choose, asters prefer a rich moist soil. Pinching or pruning will encourage a more dense compact growth of these daisy-like flowers.

Brassica oleracea Ornamental Kale & Cabbage

↑18-24" • ## purple to blue-green

This popular annual adds a gorgeous cool tone to your fall and winter garden. Plant with winter pansies for an outstanding effect. Great in the garden or in your favourite container, they may droop on very cold days but revitalize and look great all the way to March.

Calluna vulgaris Scotch Heather

^2"-3ft • 🕏 🕏 white, purple, violet, crimson, bronze, lime, apricot

The crowded, tiny dark green leaves often change to stunning colours in the winter. They offer one-sided spikes of bell-shaped flowers in a stimulating range of colours with plenty of varieties from which to choose, we have listed just a few of the later-blooming varieties and their bloom colour. 'Goldsworth Crimson' crimson, 'Blazeaway' apricot-bronze, 'Corbett Red' violet-red, 'David Eason' red-purple, 'Darkness' dark purple, 'Alba Jae' white.

Chrysanthemum Mums

↑9-48" • 🔀 🕏 almost any colour imaginable No other plant comes close to the variety of colour and shapes that mums offer in the fall. Planting them in masses or in containers, they will surely cheer up your fall days, blooming until hard frost. They prefer a sunny location and an average to rich, well-drained soil.

Cortadera selloana Pampas Grass

🛧 8-11ft 🕨 🔀 🦝 white, silver, creamy-pink Very easy to grow on a well-drained site and probably the most popular ornamental grass, this grass forms a dense clump of sharp-edged, grey-green foliage and large fluffy flower heads--excellent for arranging. Dwarf varieties are also available.

Cyclamen hederifolium Hardy Cyclamen

🛧 4-6" 🖷 🕕 🤯 pink, white

Great for that dry shady area, the hardy cyclamen sports large marbled leaves all winter. Following a spring and summer dormancy, rocket-shaped flowers precede the late fall appearance of foliage.

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Gentiana sino-ornata Chinese Gentian



Beginning in late summer and continuing until the first severe frost, this noteworthy plant bears 2 inchlong (5cm) flowers. One of the richest blues in the garden, they are occasionally striped with white.

Helenium autumnale Sneezewort

🛧 4 - 5ft. 🌞 🔀 🕏 yellow, orange

Popular for its showy display of bright daisy-type flowers, sneezewort adds brilliant fall colour to the garden and makes a great back border plant. Pinch plants back in June to encourage bushiness.

Miscanthus Miscanthus

↑ 3-8ft • • • (plumes) reddish-pink, silver, cream, purple, bronze, white

Large, bold grasses suited to massed plantings in a low-maintenance garden, miscanthus may be integrated into a perennial border. Flowering in fan-shaped panicles, it provides a showy border in the fall.

Phlox paniculata Garden Phlox

↑ 2-4ft • • • • blue, pink, purple, red, white, orange

A rainbow of colours can be selected from this group of plants. The luxurious panicles of bright colours are spectacular in a perennial border. Plant in a wellventilated area and watch for powdery mildew.

Polygonum amplexicaule Mountain Fleece

↑2-5ft. 🌞 🔀 pink-red 🏽 🔏 red

This fleece flower has showy poker flowers and its leaves change to a wonderful red in the fall. A bushy, upright plant, it is ideal for massed landscape planting, and a good choice for difficult wet sites.

Rudbeckia fulgida Brown-eyed Susan

↑3-5ft → ☆ ☆ rich yellow with brown centres With a semingly endless bloom, it ranks among the top ten perennials of all time (in our books anyway). Easily grown in a sunny site, it looks astonishingly well with other large perennials.

Schysostylus coccinea Schysostylus Lily

↑1-3ft → ★☆ pink, salmon, white
Vigorous, grassy clumps of sword-shaped leaves
grow all summer, and then in the fall, a display of
large, starry flowers appear well above the foliage.
Some describe this flower as the dainty version of
the gladiola. Plant in a well-drained spot and mulch
in the winter.

Sedum spectabile Stonecrop

↑18-24" • 🖨 👸 pink, red

An easy plant to grow when planted in full sun, it will even thrive in a container. This fleshy, succulent plant produces clusters of starry flowers during September and October, and looks fabulous with blue fescue and other heat loving plants.

Viola witttrockiana

Winter Pansy

↑18-24" all colours

The most identifiable winter
flowering plant, pansies provide
months and months of interest
and many colours from which to
choose. These reliable annual
plants provide a lot of cheer to
the fall and winter garden.
Plants will slow down during
cold days.

