

ANNUALS

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Garden Care

- Full sun, at least a half-day
- More sun=more blooms
- Routine water in the garden
- More frequent water for containers (every 2-3 days)



Alyssum

- Dense clusters of tiny flowers that are sweetly fragrant
- Blooms so profusely the foliage is often not visible
- Space plants 6 inches apart
- Fertilize moderately
- Plants do not bloom in the high heat of summer
- Height: 3-9", trailing

Cool Weather Lovers



Colorful Osteospermum

At three feet tall with showy daisy-like flowers that measure two inches across, Osteospermum is a garden thriller. You'll find it in shades of white, bronze, burgundy, pink, yellow, orange, magenta, and violet. There is also a pretty bicolor, pink with orange tips, to add a cheery blast of spring to the garden. We like to use Osteo at the front of the sunny border for a dramatic color accent. As a bonus we get beautiful cut flowers and butterflies!

Osteospermum is most prolific when grown in full sun but it can tolerate light shade. Space plants about 12 inches apart in loose well-drained soil, and try to keep the soil evenly moist but not soggy. Osteo flowers less profusely during the hot, humid days of summer—it can be cut back by half for a fuller rebloom later in the summer and into fall.



Bacopa

- Color all summer long with very little effort
- Low growing, spreads quickly
- Combines easily with a range of spring annuals
- Height: 6-12", trailing; plants spread vigorously



Lobelia

- Blooms even through the heat of summer
- Space plants 4-6" apart in moist, rich well-draining soil
- Height: 6-8", mounding, trailing



Nemesia

- Plant 4-6" apart when all danger of frost has passed
- Frothiest coating of blooms in full sun
- Deadhead plants regularly to prolong blooming
- Height: up to 2', upright habit



Fillers and Spillers For Baskets And Containers

Sweet honey-scented Alyssum looks foamy spilling over the edges of containers in white or purple shades, attracting butterflies and hummingbirds. Bacopa is another mounding, trailing variety that resembles a flurry of tiny white snowflakes. It comes with either green leaves or golden leaves. These versatile plants pair easily with Pansies and other spring annuals for DIY combinations in décor pottery, hanging baskets, or window boxes.

Thrillers To Amp Up The Drama

Blue flowers are rare and purply blue Lobelia is eye-catching. Numerous blooms add an unexpected burst of blue as a thriller in mixed combos with other sun-lovers. It takes just one Lobelia plant to fill a patio container with lots of blooms for lots of color, but you can also mix this pretty blue with white Alyssum or Bacopa for added interest. Lobelia reaches a height of 12 inches and is a hummingbird haven.

Some say Nemesia's delicate blossoms look like little orchids or snapdragons. They come in red, purple, yellow, and a light red/dark red bicolor. All are sweetly fragrant—almost Lobelia-like. Plants reach up to two feet tall with a dense upright habit. Nemesia makes a great focal point in an arrangement or in the garden border.

Low Growers For Bedding And Edging

Alyssum only reaches 4 to 8 inches tall but spreads 24 to 48 inches wide, trailing up to 24 inches. It creates an eye-catching frothy wave massed at the front of the border, along a walkway, or around a fence post. We like to use it to fill gaps between perennials. Bacopa is also a great low-maintenance bedding plant. It grows 10 to 36 inches wide, sprawling out in the landscape to create a beautiful carpet of color—or blanket of snow.