

ORNAMENTAL, HERB & FLOWER BED-RAISED PLANTERS

BLUE GRAMA (BLONDE AMBITION)

'BOUTELOUA GRACILIS'

RAISED PLANTER - ORNAMENTAL



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NOTES [A,B]

The Blue Grama, 'Blonde Ambition' cultivar is a drought-resistant/ drought-tolerant, clump-forming, warm-season, native grass. It is often seeded in grass turf as a native lawn alternative and if left un-mowed it will reach heights of just 1' (foot) with attractive seed heads. Blonde Ambition tolerates a wide variety of soils but prefers medium-dry to dry soils in full to partial sunlight. Yellowish-green horizontal "eyelash-like" flowers transform into blonde seed heads by fall and remain clinging to stiff stems through winter creating year-round visual interest.

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COMMON DAY LILY

'HEMEROCALLIS FULVA'

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NOTES [C,D]

Common Day Lily or Orange Daylily is a popular plant with homeowners and landscape designers for its showy flowers, hardiness and ability to spread. However, care should be taken where planting, as it has invasive tendencies once established. When the daylily plants multiply and spread, they form dense patches and thereby displace native plants. So it is best to plant in a container or raised planter where the tubers are isolated in order to control and avoid its invasive tendency.

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ENGLISH LAVENDAR

'LAVANDULA ANGUSTIFOLIA'

RAISED PLANTER - ORNAMENTAL



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NOTES [E,F]

English Lavendar, also called Common Lavendar or True Lavendar is an elegant plant selection as an accent plant for a garden border, in pots, planters and other containers or presented in a specimen setting for a raised garden. Once established, this perennial herb is incredibly hardy and drought tolerant thriving in poor to average, well-drained soil and requiring little water or fertilizer. Plant in full sun and in masses to form rounded mounds of silvery gray-green foliage of needle-like leaves throughout the year.

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COMMON CHIVES

'ALLIUM SCHOENOPRASUM'

RAISED PLANTER - HERBS



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NOTES [E,G]

Common Chives also called Wild Chives are a small bulbous herbaceous perennial that is easily grown in well-drained soils in full-sun to part-shade. They produce small, globular soft-lavender flowers and clumps of thin, grass-like, dark green tubular leaves with hollow stems that are extremely winter-hardy. This persistent plant will usually die back to the crown each winter and regrow from this base the following spring. Deadhead flowers before seed-set to control unwanted spread.

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GARLIC CHIVES

'ALLIUM TUBEROSUM'

RAISED PLANTER - HERBS



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NOTES [E,G]

Garlic chives are a clump-forming member of the onion family that grows best in full sun with well-drained soil and can easily be started from seed or new plants created from divisions. Once established, it is very heat, cold and drought tolerant. Plants can be used as a low-maintenance edging, landscape border or in containers to provide vertical interest when in flower. Deadhead flowers before seed-set to control unwanted spread.

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OREGANO

'ORIGANUM VULGARE'

RAISED PLANTER - HERBS



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NOTES [H,I]

Oregano is also known as Greek Oregano, Spanish Thyme and Wild Marjoram. The Wild Marjoram name refers to a cross between Sweet Marjoram (*'Origanum majorana'*) and Wild Marjoram (*'O. vulgare'*). A flowering plant in the mint family, it is a woody perennial with olive-green leaves and purple flowers. It grows best in warm, sunny spots with well-drained soil in containers or in a summer-cottage garden.

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THYME

THYMUS VULGARIS

RAISED PLANTER - HERBS



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NOTES [1]

Thyme is also known as Common Thyme, Garden Thyme and German Thyme. A flowering plant in the mint family, it is a woody perennial with small, gray-green highly aromatic leaves and small purple-white flowers. Noted for attracting wildlife, Thyme makes a great addition to a pollinator-butterfly garden and/or children's garden. Plant it in small groups, as a border along a walkway, in a raised planter or near a recreational play area for young outdoor enthusiasts.

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CALENDULA (POT MARIGOLD)

'CALENDULA OFFICINALIS'

RAISED PLANTER - FLOWERS



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NOTES [E,J]

Calendula's genus name comes from the Latin word *calendae* meaning the first day of the month. It goes by many other common names including; Pot Marigold, Common Marigold, Garden Marigold, Field Marigold, Gold Bloom and English or Scotch Marigold among others. A popular annual grown in flower beds and landscaped borders for its "chrysanthemum-like" cheerful yellow to deep orange flowers that bloom all summer and long into the fall season. Planted in well-drained soil in full sun, it has the potential to reseed itself in the garden year after year.

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FRENCH MARIGOLD (FAVOURITE BLEND)

'TAGETES PATULA'

RAISED PLANTER - FLOWERS



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NOTES [J,K]

The French Marigold is a compact bushy annual with ever-blooming flowers that is a member of the Asteraceae family. They grow best in full sun and well-drained soil. They are an easy to grow, low maintenance annual that can tolerate poor soils, heat, humidity, and drought making it an excellent choice for the Midwest landscape. Both French Marigold and Calendula are sometimes referred to as the "poor man's saffron."

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NASTURTIUM (JEWEL BLEND)

TROPAEOLUM MAJUS

RAISED PLANTER - FLOWERS



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NOTES [J,L,M]

An easily-grown seed annual with disc-shaped or parasol-like leaves and brilliant yellow, orange or red flowers. Nasturtium thrives in full sun with well-drained soil, it can tolerate drought, neglect, and flowers best in poorer soils. The dwarf varieties appear as bushy sprawling types (1' tall and 2' wide) and are a great selection for a raised bed or planted as a ground cover. Nasturtium will self-seed readily and thereby keep a presence in the garden.

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VIOLA (JOHNNY JUMP-UP)

'VIOLA TRICOLOR'

RAISED PLANTER - FLOWERS



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NOTES [I,L,N]

Viola Tricolor also referred to as Johnny Jump-Up, Heart's Delight, Wild Pansy and other common names, grows best in full sun in moderately fertile, moist, well-drained soils. Its many tiny blooms are present over a long season extending from spring into fall. They grow very easily from seed and will freely self-sow, as its flowers can produce up to 50 seeds in each capsule allowing it to spread easily, although it is not particularly aggressive.

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ZINNIA, (THUMBELINA)

'ZINNIA ELEGANS'

RAISED PLANTER - FLOWERS



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NOTES [J,L,N,O]

Zinnias come in an amazing array of pink, purple, red, orange, white, and yellow “pom-pom” shaped flowers that bloom all summer long. The Zinnia seeds are fairly large, easy to germinate and as such, are considered an excellent flower for a beginning gardener or in a “scholastic-setting” for educating young children. The “Lilliput” cultivar mix comprises an exceptional blend of attractive miniature zinnias in a variety of colors, including; oranges, purples, reds, roses, and whites.

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