

Flowers for the cutting garden

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Achillea	Yarrow	Perennial	Seed tray or direct		U	U	U/D	D				OC	OC		
Alcea rosea	Hollyhock	Biennial	Seed tray or module		U	U	U/D	D		OC	OC	OC			
Alonsoa	Mask Flower	Half-hardy annual	Seed tray or module		U	U	U								
Amaranthus	Love-lies-bleeding	Half-hardy annual	Module or direct			U	U	D							
Amberboa muricata	Sweet Sultan	Hardy annual	Seed tray, module or direct		U	U	U/D	U/D	U/D						
Ammi majus & visnaga	Bishop's Flower	Hardy annual	Seed tray then module or guttering or direct. Best autumn sown		U	U	D	D			D	U/D			
Anchusa azurea 'Dropmore'	Alkanet	Short-lived perennial	Module or direct				U	U/D	U/D	U/D					
Anethum graveolens	Dill	Hardy annual	Gutter or direct, regular sowings		U	U	D	D	D	D	D				
Angelica archangelica	Garden Angelica	Biennial	Direct					D	D						
Angelica gigas	Angelica	Short-lived perennial	Module			U	U	U							
Anthriscus sylvestris 'Ravenswing'	Purple Cow Parsley	Biennial	Seed tray	U	U			U/D	U/D	U/D		U	U	U	U
Antirrhinum	Snapdragon	Half-hardy annual	Seed tray then module		U	U	U					OI	OI		
Aquilegia	Columbine or Granny's Bonnet	Perennial	Module		U	U	U	U	U			OC	OC		
Argemone platycerus	Prickly Poppy	Perennial	Seed tray or direct		U	U/D	D	D							
Astrantia	Masterwort	Perennial	Seed tray or module		U	U	U				U	U			
Atriplex hortensis 'Rubra'	Mountain Spinach	Hardy annual	Direct			D	D	D							
Berkheya purpurea	Berkheya	Perennial	Seed tray then module		U	U	U	U	U			U	U		
Briza maxima	Greater Quaking Grass	Hardy annual	Module or direct		U	U	D	D			D	D			
Bupleurum rotundifolium 'Griffithii'	Thorow-wax	Hardy annual	Direct				D	D			D	D			
Calendula officinalis	English or Pot Marigold	Hardy annual	Module or direct			U	D	D			D	D			
Centaurea cyanus	Cornflower	Hardy annual	Module or direct (larger from autumn sown)		U	U	D				D	U/D			
Cerinthe major	Honeywort	Hardy annual	Seed tray then module		U	U	U				U	U			
Chrysanthemum 'Eastern Star'	Corn Marigold	Hardy annual	Seed tray, module or direct			D	D	D							
Cleome	American Spider Flower	Half-hardy annual	Seed tray then module	U	U	U									
Cobaea scandens	Cup & Saucer Plant	Half-hardy annual climber	Own little pot	U	U	U									
Consolida	Larkspur	Hardy annual	Seed tray then module or direct (pre-chill)		U	U	U/D	D			D	D			
Coreopsis x hybrida 'Incredible'	Coreopsis	Half-hardy annual	Module		U	U	U	D							
Cosmos	Cosmos	Half-hardy annual	Module or direct			U	U	D							
Cut Flower Meadow Mixes - see packets for more information		Half-hardy annual	Direct				D	D	D						
Cynoglossum amabile	Chinese Forget-me-not	Half-hardy annual	Seed tray		U	U	U/D	D							
Dahlia 'Bishop's Children'	Dahlia	Half-hardy annual	Module			U	U								
Daucus carota	Wild Carrot	Biennial	Seed tray then module or direct		U	U/D	D				D	D			
Delphinium	Delphinium	Perennial	Seed tray then module			U	U				U				
Dianthus caryophyllus	Carnation	Half-hardy perennial	Seed tray	U	U	U									
Dianthus carthusianorum	Charterhouse Pink	Perennial	Seed tray, module or direct		U	U	U/D								
Didiscus	Lace Flower	Half-hardy annual	Module			U	U								
Digitalis	Foxglove	Biennial	Seed tray or direct					U	U	U					
Echinacea pallida	Pale Coneflower	Perennial	Seed tray or module		U	U	U	D	D	D					
Echinops ritro	Globe Thistle	Perennial	Seed tray	U	U	U									
Emilia javanica	Tassel Flower	Half-hardy annual	Seed tray or module			U	U								
Eryngium	Sea-holly	Perennial	Seed tray then module			U	U				U	U			

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Eschscholzia	Californian Poppy	Hardy annual	Gutter or direct			U	D				D	D			
Euphorbia oblongata	Spurge	Hardy annual	Seed tray then module or direct		U	U	U/D				D	U			
Gaura	Gaura	Half-hardy annual	Module			U	U				OC	OC			
Gypsophila	Gypsophila	Hardy annual	Seed tray, module or direct			U	D	D	D			U			
Helianthus annuus & debilis	Sunflower	Hardy annual	Direct or individual pot			U	U/D	D							
Hesperis matronalis	Sweet Rocket/Dames Violet	Biennial	Module or direct					U/D	U/D	U					
Hibiscus trionum	Hibiscus	Half-hardy annual	Seed tray or module			U	U								
Ipomoea	Morning Glory	Half-hardy climber	Module			U	U						U	U	U
Knautia macedonia	Knautia	Perennial	Seed tray then module			U	U				U	U			
Lagurus ovatus	Bunny's Tail Grass	Hardy annual	Seed tray or module			U	U/D	D							
Lavendula multifida	Lavender	Hardy perennial grown as half-hardy annual	Seed tray		U	U	U	D							
Lathyrus odoratus	Sweet Pea	Hardy annual climber	Roottrainer	U	U	U	U						U	U	U
Leonotis leonurus	Staircase Plant	Half-hardy annual	Module		U	U	U								
Liatris spicata	Blazing Star	Perennial	Seed tray or direct		U	U	U/D	D	D						
Limonium suworowii	Statice	Half-hardy annual	Seed tray			U	U/D	D	D						
Linaria 'Canon Went'	Toadflax	Perennial	Seed tray or module			U	U	D	D		U	U			
Linaria maroccana	Toadflax	Hardy annual	Seed tray or module			U	U/D	D	D						
Lunaria annua	Honesty	Biennial	Module or direct					U/D	U/D	U/D					
Lupinus	Lupin	Hardy annual	Seed tray or module			U/D	U/D	U/D				OC			
Lysimachia 'Beaujolais'	Loosestrife	Perennial	Seed tray then module		U	U	U					OC	OC		
Malope trifida	Malope	Hardy annual	Module or direct			U	U	D				D			
Matthiola incana	Stocks	Biennial	Module or direct					U/D	U/D	U/D					
Matthiola	Ten Week Stocks	Half-hardy annual	Trays or modules		U	U									
Moluccella laevis	Bells of Ireland	Half-hardy annual	Seed tray then modules, week in freezer first			U	U	D							
Monarda hybrida 'Bergamo'	Monarda	Hardy annual	Seed tray then module		U	U	U	D							
Nicotiana	Tobacco Plant	Half-hardy annual	Seed tray or module			U	U	D							
Nigella	Love-in-a-mist	Hardy annual	Direct or gutter			U	D				D	U			
Orlaya grandiflora	White Lace Flower	Hardy annual	Seed tray then module or direct			U/D	D				D	U/D			
Ornamental Kale	Ornamental Kale	Hardy annual	Seed tray, module or direct			D	D	D	D	D					
Panicum elegans	Grass Frosted Explosion	Half-hardy annual	Seed tray or module		U	U	U	D	D						
Papaver nudicaule vars	Poppy	Biennial	Seed tray then module		U	U		U	U	U					
Papaver cummutatum	Poppy	Hardy annual	Direct			D	D	D			D	D	D		
Papaver rhoeas vars	Corn Poppy	Hardy annual	Direct				D	D			D	D			
Papaver somniferum & paeoniflorum	(Opium) Poppy	Hardy annual	Direct				D	D			D	D			
Penstemon hartwegii	Penstemon	Perennial	Seed tray or direct	U	U	U	U	D	D						
Phacelia campanularia	Desert Bluebell	Hardy annual	Direct				D	D	D						
Phacelia tanacetifolia	Green Manures	Hardy annual	Direct			D	D	D	D	D	D	D			
Phlox drummondii	Phlox F1 '21st Century' F1	Half-hardy annual	Seed tray, module or direct			U/D	U/D								
Physalis alkekengi	Chinese Lantern	Perennial	Seed tray or module			U	U				U	U			
Platycodon	Balloon Flower	Perennial	Seed tray or direct	U	U	U	U	D	D						
Primula	Candelabra Primula	Perennial	Seed tray or module			U	U				U	U			

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<i>Ricinus communis</i>	Castor Oil Plant	Half-hardy annual	Seed tray or module		U	U									
<i>Ridolfia segetum</i>	Corn Parsley/False Fennel	Hardy annual	Seed tray or direct			U	U/D	D	D		U	U			
<i>Rudbeckia</i>	Rudbeckia	Half-hardy annual	Module			U	U								
<i>Salvia patens</i>	Gentian Sage	Half-hardy annual	Seed tray then module		U	U	U				OC	OC			
<i>Salvia viridis</i>	Clary Sage	Hardy annual	Direct or module		U	U	U	D			U/D	U			
<i>Scabiosa atropurpurea</i>	Scabious	Hardy annual	Direct or module			U	U/D	D			U/D	U/D			
<i>Scabiosa 'Fama'</i>	Scabious	Perennial	Seed tray then module			U	U				OC	OC			
<i>Setaria 'Lowlander'</i>	Bristle Grass	Half-hardy annual	Seed tray or module		U	U	U/D	D	D						
<i>Silene armeria</i>	Sweet William Catchfly	Hardy annual	Seed tray or module			U	U/D								
<i>Tagetes tenuifolia</i>	Signet Marigold	Half-hardy annual	Seed tray or module		U	U	U	D							
<i>Tithonia 'Torch'</i>	Mexican Sunflower	Half-hardy annual	Module			U	U								
<i>Trachelium (pelleted seed)</i>	Trachelium	Half-hardy annual	Seed tray or module			U	U								
<i>Verbena bonariensis</i>	Verbena	Short-lived perennial/Hardy annual	Seed tray then module or direct			U	U	D							
<i>Verbena hastata</i>	Blue Vervain	Perennial	Seed tray, then module or direct		U	U	U/D								
<i>Verbena rigida</i>	Verbena	Short-lived perennial/Hardy annual	Seed tray, module or direct		U	U	U	D							
<i>Viola x wittrockiana</i>	Pansy	Perennial	Seed tray or direct		U	U	D	D	D	D					
<i>Zinnia</i>	Zinnia	Half-hardy annual	Module or direct				U	D	D						

Edible flowers

<i>Anchusa 'Dropmore'</i>	Alkanet	Short-lived perennial	Module or Direct				U	U/D	U/D	U/D					
<i>Anethum graveolens</i>	Dill	Hardy annual	Gutter or direct, regular sowings		U	U	D	D	D	D	D				
<i>Borago officinalis</i>	Borage	Hardy annual	Direct			U	D	D	D	D					
<i>Calendula officinalis</i>	English or Pot Marigold	Hardy annual	Direct or module			U	D	D			D	D			
<i>Nasturtium</i>	Nasturtium	Half-hardy annual	Seed tray, gutter or direct			U	U	D	D	D					
<i>Polyanthus</i>	Primula	Perennial	Seed tray or direct					U/D	U/D	U/D					
<i>Viola</i>	Viola	Hardy annual	Seed tray, gutter or direct			U	U	D	D	D	U	U			

Companion plants

<i>Limnanthes douglasii</i>	Poached Egg Plant	Hardy annual	Direct			D	D	D			D	D			
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Yellow Trefoil	Perennial	Direct			D	D	D	D	D	D	D			
<i>Nicotiana tabacum</i>	Tobacco Plant	Half-hardy annual	Seed tray then module			U	U	D							
<i>Phacelia tanacetifolia</i>	Green Manures	Hardy annual	Direct			D	D	D	D	D	D	D			
<i>Tagetes patula & linnaeus</i>	French Marigold	Half-hardy annual	Module or direct			U	U	U/D							
<i>Tagetes minuta</i>	Mexican Marigold	Half-hardy annual	Module			U	U	U							

Wild flowers

<i>Echium vulgare</i>	Viper's Bugloss	Biennial	Seed tray, module or direct					U/D	U/D	U/D					
<i>Knautia arvensis</i>	Field Scabious	Perennial	Seed tray, module or direct			U	U/D	D				D	D		
<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>	Toadflax	Perennial	Seed tray, module or direct			U	U/D	D				D	U		
<i>Rhinanthus minor</i>	Yellow Rattle	Hardy annual	Direct									D	D	D	
Wild Flower Mix	Wild Flower Mix	Perennial	Direct				D	D				D	D		

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Vegetables

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Artichoke (globe)	Perennial	Module		U	U	D	D	D	D					
Asparagus	Perennial	Bare Root			Plant	Plant								
Aubergine	Half-hardy annual	Module		U	U									
Beetroot	Hardy annual	Gutter or direct			U	D	D	D	D					
Bean Borlotti	Half-hardy annual	Roottrainer			U	U	U	U						
Bean Broad	Hardy annual	Roottrainer or direct		U	D	D					D	D		
Bean French	Half-hardy annual	Roottrainer				U/D	D	D	D	<small>(sow for autumn harvesting)</small>				
Bean Runner	Hardy annual	Sow in gutters or direct				U/D	D	D	D					
Brassica rapa	Hardy annual	Seed tray or direct	U	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	U	U	U
Broccoli Purple Sprouting	Hardy annual	Module				U	U	U						
Broccoli Cima di Rapa	Hardy annual	Direct			D	D	D	D				D		
Broccoli Kailaan	Hardy annual	Module				U	U							
Brussels Sprouts	Hardy annual	Module			U	U	D/Plant							
Cabbage Savoy	Hardy annual	Module or direct into seed bed				U/D	U/D							
Celeriac	Hardy annual	Module			U	U	D	D						
Carrots	Hardy annual	Gutter or direct			U	D	D	D	D					
Chard 'Bright Lights'	Hardy annual	Seed tray, gutter or direct		U	U	U/D	D	D	D	D	D	D		
Chard 'Lucullus' & 'White Silver'	Hardy annual	Seed tray, gutter or direct		U	U	D	D	D	D	D				
Chillies	Half-hardy annual	Small pot, modules or direct		U	U									
Courgettes	Half-hardy annual	Own little pot			U	U	D/Plant	D (2nd sow)						
Cucumber	Half-hardy annual climber	Own little pot		U	U	U	D/Plant							
Florence Fennel	Half-hardy annual	Module						U	U	U				
Garlic	Hardy annual	Plant		Plant	Plant	Plant						Plant	Plant	Plant
Kale	Hardy annual	Gutter or direct		U	U	U	D	D	D					
Leeks	Hardy annual	Gutter or direct			U	U	D	Plant	D					
Onion & Shallot sets	Hardy annual	Plant		Plant	Plant	Plant						Plant	Plant	Plant
Onion from seed	Hardy annual	Gutter or direct			U/D	D	D							
Parsnips	Hardy annual	Gutter or direct			U/D	D	D	D						
Peas	Hardy annual	Gutter or Roottrainer or direct		U	U/D	D	D	D						
Pea tips	Hardy annual	Large box, gutter or module		U	U	U/D	U/D	U/D	U/D	U/D	U/D	U/D		
Peppers	Half-hardy annual	Own little pot		U	U									
Pumpkins	Half-hardy annual	Own little pot			U	U	D							
Radish	Hardy annual	Sow in gutters or direct		U	U	D	D	D	D	D	D			
Salsola Soda	Half-hardy annual	Seed tray or direct		U	U	D	D	D	D					
Spinach	Hardy annual	Gutter or direct		U	U	D				D	D			
Spring Onion	Hardy annual	Gutter or direct			U	D	D	D	D	D	D			
Squash	Half-hardy annual	Own little pot				U	U/D	D						
Sweetcorn	Half-hardy annual	Module			U	U	U							
Tomato	Half-hardy annual	Module		U	U	<small>2nd sow (cherry only)</small>								

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Salads

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American Land Cress	Hardy annual	Direct		D	D					D	D	D		
Atriplex (Red Orache)	Hardy annual	Gutters or direct			U/D	D	D							
Chicory	Hardy annual	Sow in modules or direct					D	D	D					
Corn salad	Hardy annual	Sow in gutters or direct		U	U	D			D	D	U	U		
Kale	Hardy annual	Sow in gutters or direct		U	U	U	D	D	D					
Lettuce	Hardy annual	Sow in gutters or direct		U/D	U/D	D	D	D		D	U/D	U/D		
Mizuna	Hardy annual	Sow in gutters or direct		U/D	U/D	D				D	U/D	U		
Mixes	Hardy annual	Sow in gutters or direct			U/D	D	D	D	D	D	U/D			
Mustard	Hardy annual	Sow in gutters or direct		U/D	U/D	D				D	D	U/D		
Radish	Hardy annual	Sow in gutters or direct		U	U	D	D	D	D	D	D			
Rocket Salad	Hardy annual	Sow in gutters or direct		U/D	U/D	D				D	D	U/D		
Rocket Wild	Hardy annual	Sow in gutters or direct				D	D	D	D	D	U	U		
Sorrel Buckler Leaf	Hardy annual	Sow in gutters or direct		U/D	U/D	D	D	D	D	D	U/D			

Herbs

Basil	Half-hardy annual	Sow in gutters or direct				U	D	D/Plant	D					
Chervil	Hardy annual	Sow in gutters or direct		U/D	U/D					D	D			
Chives	Perennial	Sow in gutters or direct		U/D	U/D	D	D	D	D	D	D	U		
Coriander	Hardy annual	Sow in gutters or direct		U/D	U/D	D				D	D	U		
Dill	Hardy annual	Sow in gutters or direct, regular sowing		U	U	D	D	D	D	D				
Fennel	Hardy perennial	Sow in gutters or direct			U/D	U/D	D			D	U/D			
French Sorrel	Perennial	Sow in gutters or direct			U/D	D				D	U/D			
Horseradish	Perennial	Root cutting				Plant	Plant							
Lemon Grass	Perennial	Sow in gutters or direct			U/D	U/D	U/D							
Lovage	Perennial	Gutter or module			U	D	D							
Marjoram/Oregano	Half-hardy annual	Sow in gutters or direct				U/D	D	D						
Mint	Perennial	Cuttings				Plant	Plant			Plant	Plant			
Par-cel	Perennial	In Modules or direct			D	D	D	D	D	D				
Parsley	Biennial grown as annual	Sow in gutters or direct			U/D	D				D	U/D			
Rosemary	Perennial	Cuttings				Plant	Plant							
Sage	Perennial	Seed or cuttings		U/D	U/D									
Summer Savory	Hardy annual	Sow in gutters or direct			U	D	D	D	D					
Sweet Cicely	Perennial	Sow in gutters or seed trays				U	U				U	U		
Tarragon	Perennial	Cuttings				Plant	Plant							
Thyme	Perennial	Seed or cutting				D	D	D	D	D				
Winter Savory	Perennial	Seed or cutting				D	D	D	D	D				

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Fruit

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Perennials													
Rhubarb	Perennial		Plant	Plant				Plant	Plant				
Strawberries	Perennial				Plant				Plant	Plant	Plant		
Strawberries – Alpine	Short-lived perennial			U/D	U/D	U/D			U/D	U/D	U	U	

Shrubs and trees

Apples			Plant	Plant	Plant						Plant	Plant	
Apricots				Plant	Plant						Plant	Plant	
Blackberries			Plant	Plant	Plant						Plant	Plant	
Blackcurrants			Plant	Plant	Plant						Plant	Plant	
Blueberries			Plant	Plant	Plant						Plant	Plant	
Cherries				Plant	Plant						Plant	Plant	
Figs				Plant	Plant						Plant	Plant	
Gooseberries			Plant	Plant	Plant						Plant	Plant	
Loganberries			Plant	Plant	Plant						Plant	Plant	
Peaches and Nectarines											Plant	Plant	
Pears			Plant	Plant							Plant	Plant	
Plums & damsons			Plant	Plant							Plant	Plant	
Raspberries		Plant	Plant	Plant							Plant	Plant	Plant
Red & white currants		Plant	Plant	Plant							Plant	Plant	Plant
Roses		Plant	Plant	Plant								Plant	Plant

Potatoes

First Earlies (Belle de Fontenay, Sharpe's Express, Winston)	Chitting	Chitting	Plant	Plant									
Second Earlies (Charlotte, Anya, International Kidney, Nicola)		Chitting	Chitting	Plant	Plant								
Maincrops (Ratte, Ambo, Salad Blue, Belle de Fontenay and Cara)		Chitting	Chitting	Chitting	Plant	Plant							
Late Maincrops (Pink Fir Apple)		Chitting	Chitting	Chitting	Plant	Plant							

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Bulbs

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Allium		Hardy									D	D	D	
Amaryllis		Tender	U	U	U							U	U	U
Anemone coronaria		Semi-hardy. Needs good drainage and sheltered site			D	D	D				D	D	D	
Camassia		Hardy									D	D	D	
Chionodoxa		Hardy									D	D	D	
Crocus		Hardy									D	D	D	
Eranthis	Aconite	Hardy		D	D and	D in the green					D	D	D	
Erythronium	Dogs tooth violet	Semi-hardy. Needs good drainage and sheltered site									D	D	D	
Fritillaria meleagris	snakeshead fritillaries	Hardy									D	D	D	
Freesia		Semi-hardy			U/D	U/D	U/D				U	U		
Galanthus	snowdrops	Hardy			D and	D in the green					D	D	D	
Hermodactylus tuberosus	Widow Iris	Semi-hardy. Needs good drainage and sheltered site									D	D	D	
Hyacinths		Hardy							inside for xmas	D	D	D	D	
Hyacinthoides	Bluebell	Hardy				D	D and	D in the green			D	D	D	
Ipheion		Hardy									D	D	D	
Iris reticulata		Hardy							inside for xmas	D	D	D	D	
Lilies		Hardy	D	D	D							D	D	D
Muscari		Hardy									D	D	D	
Narcissi		Hardy									D	D	D	
Nerine bowdenii		Hardy				D	D							
Ranunculus		Semi-hardy. Needs good drainage and sheltered site			D	D					D			
Sparaxis		Semi-hardy			D	D	D for summer flowering				D		D for spring flowering	
Tulip		Hardy										D	D	D

Corms and tubers

Acidanthera		Semi-hardy. Needs good drainage and sheltered site				D	D	D						
Crocasmia		Hardy corm			D	D		D			D			
Cannas					D/U	D/U	D							
Dahlia		Semi-hardy tuberous perennial. Needs mulching for protection in winter.			D/U	D/U	D	D						
Gladiolus	Gladioli	Semi-hardy corm. Needs good drainage and sheltered site			D/U	D/U	D							

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