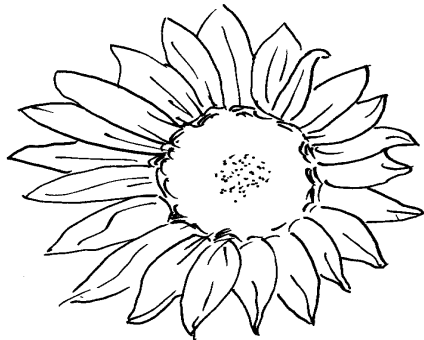


## ANNUALS FOR SUN



**Flowering annual plants** bloom from spring to fall. They **don't overwinter**, but the **reward of low maintenance continuous color** is worth the effort of planting out in May.

This list includes annuals bred for **easy maintenance** and to **bloom through the heat of summer**. Some will benefit from weekly removal of faded blossoms ("dead-heading") or shearing mid-season to stimulate blooming. **Read the labels** on transplants available in your garden center to verify the identity of plants and **for care instructions**.

Prepare the soil for annuals as you would for a vegetable garden. **The same steps apply.** → See **Growing Tips 18** Plan a Vegetable Garden.

FLOWERING ANNUALS	Prefers	Color
Angelonia ( <i>Angelonia angustifolia</i> )	○△	B,I,V,W,P
Bidens ( <i>Bidens ferulifolia</i> )	○△	Y
Blanket Flower ( <i>Gaillardia pulchella</i> )	○△	R,O,Y
Cape Daisy ( <i>Osteospermum x hybrida</i> )	○●△	O,Y,V,W,P
Flossflower ( <i>Ageratum houstonianum</i> )	○●△	B,I,V,W,P
Gazania ( <i>Gazania ringens</i> )	○△	O,Y,W,P
Lantana ( <i>Lantana camara</i> )	○△	R,O,Y,V,P,W
Marigold ( <i>Tagetes</i> spp.)	○△	O,Y,W
Mexican Heather ( <i>Cuphea</i> spp.)	○△	R,O,Y,V,W,P
Petunia ( <i>Petunia x hybrida</i> )	○△	R,O,Y,B,I,V,W,P
Phlox ( <i>Phlox drummondii</i> )	○△	R,B,V,W,P
Portulaca ( <i>Portulaca grandiflora</i> )	○△	R,O,Y,W,P
Salvia ( <i>Salvia x hybrida</i> and spp.)	○△	R,O,B,I,V,W,P
Snapdragon ( <i>Antirrhinum majus</i> )	○△	R,O,Y,V,W,P
Strawflower ( <i>Bracteantha bracteata</i> )	○△	R,O,Y,W,P
Sweet Alyssum ( <i>Lobularia maritima</i> )	○△	V,W,P
Verbena ( <i>Verbena x hybrida</i> )	○△	R,O,B,I,V,W,P
Zinnia ( <i>Zinnia x hybrida</i> )	○△	R,O,Y,G,V,W,P
FOLIAGE ANNUALS		
Sweet Potato Vine ( <i>Ipomoea batatas</i> )	○● △△	G,V,multi
Dusty Miller ( <i>Senecio cineraria</i> )	○△	G, Silver
Ornamental Kale ( <i>Brassica oleracea</i> )	○△	G,V,W,P multi
Ornamental Pepper ( <i>Capsicum annum</i> )	○△	R,O,Y,G,V multi

○ Sun - at least 6 hours ● Part shade  
 △ Average moisture △△ Steady moisture  
 Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, Violet. White, Pink

### Nifty Note

For earliest blooms, **transplant annuals from individual cell-packs**. Your garden will fill out in quickly for enjoyment the entire season!

ANNUAL GRASSES	Prefers	Color
Feather Grass ( <i>Stipa tenuissima</i> )	○△△	G
Fountain Grass ( <i>Pennisetum setaceum</i> )	○△△	R,P
Golden Millet Grass ( <i>Milium effusum</i> )	○△	Y,G

### Keep it Simple

- Combine **contrasting colors** for dramatic visual effect. **Multi-colored foliage** plants will tie everything together! Include tall plants for **architectural interest**.
- **Plant sturdy, well-grown young plants** after the last frost in your area.
- **Space** according to directions on the label. Plants should grow to touch each other to discourage weeds.
- **Mulch, then water with care** throughout the season, as necessary. → See **Growing Tips 6** Watering New Plantings.

### Great Combos

Plants in the combinations below are listed by height, low to high. Choose your favorite colors.

- **Full Sun:** bidens, salvia, lantana, ornamental pepper, angelonia, fountain grass
- **Sun/Part Shade:** sweet alyssum, flossflower, cape daisy, dusty miller, snapdragon, feather grass

### Sow Seeds

**Plant seeds** of carefree annuals such as calendula, cosmos, bachelor's button, nasturtium, sunflower and zinnia into prepared soil in late May. Annuals will provide **bouquets** all summer.

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