

Curbside Charm

Designed by Resource Central, inspired by an original design by Marcia Tatroe



Take a walk down memory lane with the Curbside Charm garden. Resource Central is celebrating the Garden In A Box program's 20th anniversary in 2023 by reimagining the first garden ever offered in the program in 2003. This often requested "hell strip" garden contains plants suited for planting in the area of grass between the road and the sidewalk, complete with two maps that span the thin, elongated area. Of course this garden will thrive in any full sun location in your yard providing 27 plants to cover 100 square feet.



Full sun exposure
(minimum of 6 hrs of direct sun per day)



Planting maps cover 100 sq. ft.



Blooms late spring to fall



Low water needs



Hardiness maximum of 7,000 ft.

Individual Plant Information

N indicates a native plant

BLONDE AMBITION BLUE GRAMA GRASS - *Bouteloua gracilis* 'Blonde Ambition' **N**

QTY. 4



This Rocky Mountain native grass has eyelashlike spikelets that grow horizontally on its stems. Blue Grama stays colorful through the fall season.



Mature height 2-3'
Mature spread 1-2'



Full sun



Very low water needs



Blooms summer to fall



Attracts birds



CARE: This adaptable grass thrives in most soils except very heavy and very wet clay. Be sure to not let this grass sit in wet soils for long.

FURMAN'S RED SALVIA - *Salvia greggii* 'Furmans Red' **N**

QTY. 2



Valued for its tightly branched, upright growth habit and profusion of dark red flowers blooming from early summer through fall atop sweetly aromatic evergreen foliage!



Mature height 2-3'
Mature spread 2-3'



Full sun



Low water needs



Blooms early summer



Attracts hummingbirds



Resists deer, rabbits



CARE: Plant in full sun, and well-drained, poor to average soil.

FIRE SPINNER® ICEPLANT - *Delosperma* P001S

QTY. 2



This fast spreading, low maintenance groundcover creates a thick mat of bright fuchsia and orange blooms that are long-lasting beginning in spring.



Mature height 1-2"
Mature spread 10-12"



Full sun



Low water needs



Blooms early summer



Attracts bees, hummingbirds



Resists deer



CARE: This succulent thrives in poor quality, well-drained sandy or gravel soils. Do not amend or add compost to the soil around this plant. Mulch with gravel or not at all. It is important to water consistently during the first growing season in order to establish an extensive root system.

LAVENDER COTTON - *Santolina chamaecyparissus*

QTY. 2



A woody shrub that forms dense mounds of small, woolly leaves with bright yellow button-like flowers. Its evergreen foliage is incredibly fragrant.



Mature height 12-18"
Mature spread 12-18"



Full sun



Low water needs



Blooms mid-summer



Resists deer, rabbits



CARE: A long-lived evergreen shrub, this perennial requires little to no irrigation once established. Seldom needs dividing.

MIXED COLORS CONEFLOWER - *Echinacea Cheyenne Spirit*

QTY. 3



Large, fragrant, showy flowers bloom in a mix of colors including red, scarlet, orange, purple, yellow, cream and white, atop dark green leaves in a basal clump.



Mature height 18-30"
Mature spread 10-20"



Full sun



Medium water needs



Blooms summer



Attracts bees, butterflies



Resists deer, rabbits



CARE: This great late season bloomer thrives in well drained soils. A relatively short-lived perennial, be sure to leave some blooms to self seed.

MOONBEAM COREOPSIS - *Coreopsis verticillate 'Moonbeam'*

QTY. 3



Pale yellow daisy-like flowers cover the airy mound of fine dissected foliage. Prolific bloomer throughout the summer.



Mature height 18-24"
Mature spread 18-24"



Full sun



Low water needs



Blooms mid-summer to fall



Attracts bees, butterflies



Resists deer, rabbits



CARE: Thrives in most soils except very heavy and very wet clay. Be sure to not let sit in wet soils for long. Often late to wake up from dormancy in the spring, could be helpful to mark its place in the summer.

NATIVE GAYFEATHER - *Liatris punctata* N

QTY. 3



Many stiff, upright stems arise from a leafy crown, each stem clothed with narrow, linear leaves. Fuzzy, lavender flowers occur in compact wands at the top of each stem.



Mature height 12-18"
Mature spread 6-12"



Full sun



Low water needs



Blooms summer



Attracts bees, butterflies



Resists deer, rabbits



CARE: One of the more drought tolerant Gayfeather varieties due to its long taproot. Well suited for sandy, alkaline soils that are well-drained. May stay dormant into late spring.

NAVAJO SUNSET HYSSOP - *Agastache aurantiaca 'Navajo Sunset'* N

QTY. 2



Native to the Southwestern US, this hyssop has aromatic green leaves on slim, branched stems with large numbers of curved, orange/red flowers from mid-summer until the first frost.



Mature height 24-28"
Mature spread 24-30"



Adaptable



Low water needs



Blooms midsummer to fall



Attracts hummingbirds



Resists deer, rabbits



CARE: This hardy plant does well in a variety of soils, except waterlogged soils. Prefers dry, well drained soil in full sun with afternoon shade during hot summers. Avoid overly fertilized or enriched soils. Mulch sparingly.

PRAIRIE WINECUPS - *Callirhoe involucrata* N

QTY. 1



These pink, chalice-shaped flowers complement the silver and deeply lobed foliage. Winecups will spread creating a delightful mat of foliage studded with showy pink blooms.



Mature height 6-12"
Mature spread 2-3'



Full sun



Low water needs



Blooms late spring to fall



Attracts bees, butterflies



Resists deer



CARE: Referred to as the "Buffalo Rose" because they grow well in dry, rocky areas like prairies, pastures, open woods, and roadsides. Due to long taproot, transplanting is not encouraged. Prune back to reduce legginess.

WHITE YARROW - *Achillea millefolium* 'Vintage White' N

QTY. 2



A spreading clump of finely cut grayish-green, very fragrant foliage produces erect leafy stalks topped by tight clusters of white flowers.



Mature height 1-2'
Mature spread 2-3'



Full sun



Low water needs



Blooms summer



Attracts bees, butterflies



Resists deer



CARE: Best in hot, dry, sunny locations, these flowers thrive on neglect and do not need pampering. Basal foliage will remain attractive throughout the winter.

YELLOW ICEPLANT - *Delosperma nubigenum*

QTY. 2



This fast spreading, low maintenance groundcover creates a thick mat of bright yellow blooms that are long-lasting beginning in spring.



Mature height 1-2"
Mature spread 12-18"



Full sun



Low water needs



Blooms summer



Attracts bees, hummingbirds



Resists deer, rabbits



CARE: This succulent thrives in poor quality, well-drained sandy or gravel soils. Do not amend or add compost to the soil around this plant. Mulch with gravel or not at all. It is important to water consistently during the first growing season in order to establish an extensive root system.

BLACK-EYED SUSAN - *Rudbeckia fulgida* 'Goldstrum'

QTY. 2



The classic Black-Eyed Susan features a dark central disc surrounded by a bright, golden ray of petals above stiff, hairy stems and dark green foliage.



Mature height 18-24"
Mature spread 18-24"



Full sun



Medium water needs



Blooms summer



Attracts bees, hummingbirds



Resists deer, rabbits



CARE: Easily grown in well-drained soils when planted in full sun. It is considered a short-lived perennial that typically survives 4-6 years, but it will spread by seed. Rudbeckia plants that become taller or bushier than desired can be cut back to 6" to generate fresh growth and maintain size.

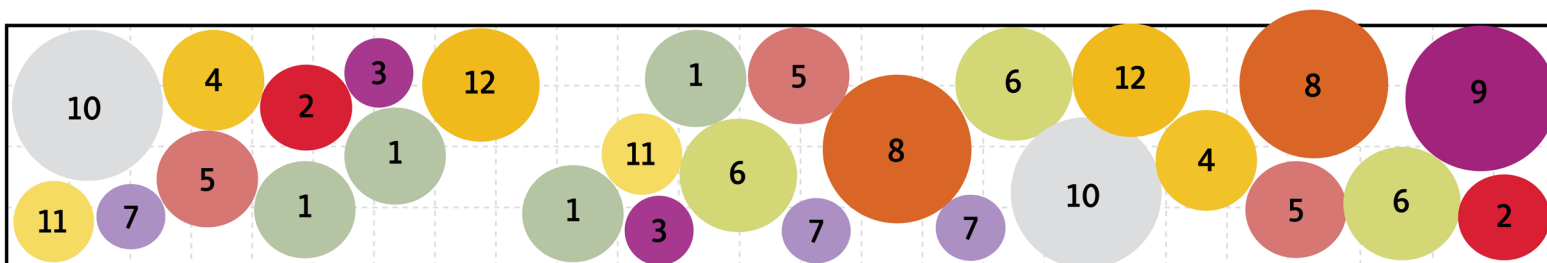
Plant-by-Number Design Suggestions

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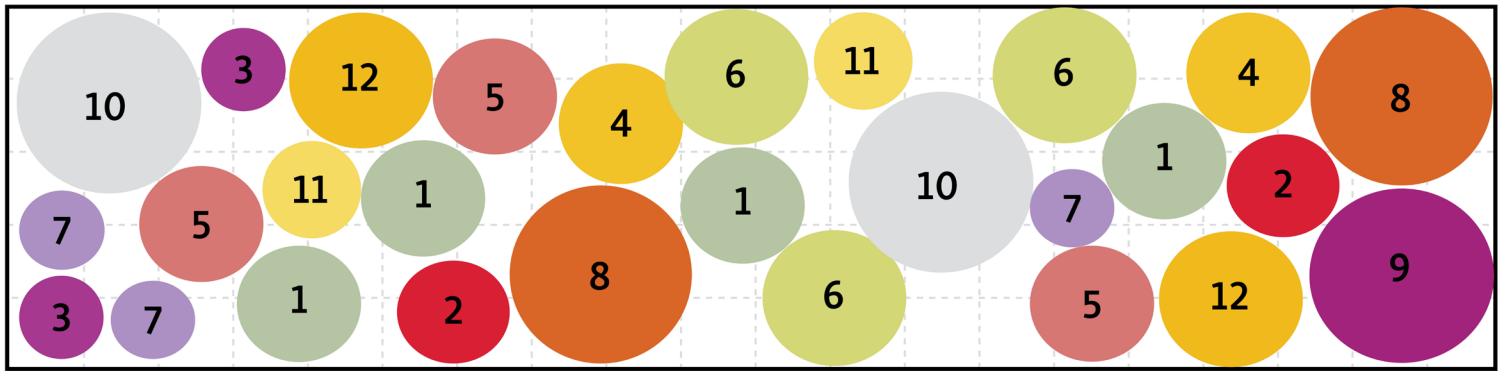
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| 1. Blonde Ambition Blue Grama Grass (Qty. 4) | 7. Native Gayfeather (Qty. 3) |
| 2. Firecracker Penstemon (Qty. 2) | 8. Navajo Sunset Hyssop (Qty. 2) |
| 3. Fire Spinner® Iceplant (Qty. 2) | 9. Prairie Winecups (Qty. 1) |
| 4. Lavender Cotton (Qty. 2) | 10. White Yarrow (Qty. 2) |
| 5. Mixed Colors Coneflower (Qty. 3) | 11. Yellow Iceplant (Qty. 2) |
| 6. Moonbeam Coreopsis (Qty. 3) | 12. Black-Eyed Susan (Qty. 2) |

1 box = 1 square foot

Maps reflect showy bloom or foliage color.



4' x 25' rectangle with path
SUGGESTED FRONT SIDE OF GARDEN



5' x 20' rectangle
SUGGESTED FRONT SIDE OF GARDEN

Plant Maintenance by Season

MAINTENANCE TASKS	PLANT
SPRING (AFTER FIRST GROWING SEASON) Cut back old growth or winter damage before new growth begins to show. Divide mature plants in early spring (or fall) every 3 years, as needed. If weather in spring is rainy, place a plastic gallon milk jugs with the bottom cut out over the plant to keep the ground around these plants dry. Leave the top off the jug so the plants don't overheat in the sun.	Blonde Ambition Blue Grama Grass, Furman's Red Salvia, Mixed Colors Coneflower, Moonbeam Coreopsis, Native Gayfeather, Navajo Sunset Hyssop, Prairie Winecups, White Yarrow, Black-Eyed Susan Moonbeam Coreopsis, White Yarrow Fire Spinner® Ice Plant, Yellow Iceplant
SUMMER Deadhead spent flowers to encourage new blooms and/or minimize self-seeding. Water sparingly once established.	Furman's Red Salvia Lavender Cotton, Moonbeam Coreopsis, Prairie Winecups, White Yarrow, Black-Eyed Susan Fire Spinner® Ice Plant, Navajo Sunset Hyssop, Yellow Iceplant
FALL Leave last round of blooms to self-seed and/or to provide food for birds. Do not prune or cut back! Plant susceptible to winter damage if pruned. It's best to wait until spring. Deadhead spent flowers to prevent self-sowing and spreading if this is undesired. Otherwise, leave last blooms to feed birds come winter.	Mixed Colors Coneflower, Moonbeam Coreopsis, Native Gayfeather, Black-Eyed Susan Furman's Red Salvia, Navajo Sunset Hyssop White Yarrow