

# Sunlit Fiesta

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Celebrate the warmth and excitement of summer with the Sunlit Fiesta garden. These 28 low-water perennials are an assortment of tried-and-true Garden In A Box customer favorites, culminating in a warm-toned garden with bold and eye-catching textures. The airy blooms of Moonbeam Coreopsis and Blue Pincushion float atop the fuchsia and orange Ice Plant blooms, creating a colorful display from summer to fall.

-  Full sun exposure (Minimum of 6 hours of direct sunlight per day)
-  Plant by Number maps cover 100 sq. ft.
-  Blooms summer to fall
-  Very low to low water needs
-  Hardy to 6,000 ft. in altitude

## Individual Plant Information

**N** indicates a regionally native plant

SHENANDOAH SWITCHGRASS - *Panicum virgatum* 'Shenandoah' **N** QTY. 5



Switchgrass forms elegantly tall, dense stands of green changing to deep red throughout the summer and ending the season as a burgundy wine color in the fall.

-  Mature height 3-4' Mature spread 1-2'
-  Full sun
-  Low water needs
-  Blooms summer to fall
-  Attracts birds
-  **CARE:** Extremely drought tolerant and grows well in any type of soil.

BLUE FORTUNE HYSSOP - *Agastache* 'Blue Fortune' **N** QTY. 3



This native hyssop cultivar boasts spikes of lavender blue flowers atop triangular, dark green leaves on stout, square stems.

-  Mature height 2-4' Mature spread 18-24"
-  Full sun
-  Low water needs
-  Blooms summer to fall
-  Attracts bees, butterflies
-  Resists deer, rabbits
-  **CARE:** Water regularly for the first season to establish the root system. Make sure the soil is well drained, as Hyssop does not tolerate soil that is constantly wet. After it is established, it is very drought tolerant. Blue Fortune Hyssops prefer more shade than other, more southern varieties.

BUTTERFLY BLUE PINCUSHION - *Scabiosa columbaria* 'Butterfly Blue' QTY. 3



These blooms display cheerful, lavender-blue florets which surround a light gray center with fine hairs resembling pins, hence the common name "Blue Pincushion".

-  Mature height 18-24" Mature spread 18-24"
-  Full sun
-  Low water needs
-  Blooms summer
-  Attracts butterflies
-  Resists deer
-  **CARE:** Best grown in well-drained soils, this plant is intolerant of water-logged and clay-heavy soil.

FIRE SPINNER ICE PLANT - *Delosperma* 'Fire Spinner'

QTY. 5



This fast-spreading, low maintenance groundcover creates a thick mat of long-lasting, bright fuchsia and orange blooms from summer through fall.

-  Mature height 1-2"  
Mature spread 10-12"
-  Full sun
-  Low water needs

-  Blooms summer to fall
-  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.

FURMAN'S RED SALVIA - *Salvia greggii* 'Furman's Red' N

QTY. 3



A many-branched, shrubby perennial with tiny, dark green leaves. Rich, magenta-red flowers are produced in large numbers through late summer, and are great for attracting hummingbirds.

-  Mature height 18-36"  
Mature spread 1-2'
-  Full sun
-  Low water needs

-  Blooms midsummer to fall
-  Attracts bees, birds, hummingbirds
-  Resists deer, rabbits

 **CARE:** Very low maintenance. Plants will stay most compact with little water and in well-drained soils. This late-blooming native is slow to emerge, and provides a rich nectar source after many other flowers have faded.

MOONBEAM COREOPSIS - *Coreopsis verticillata* 'Moonbeam' N

QTY. 4



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

-  Mature height 18-24"  
Mature spread 18-24"
-  Full sun
-  Low water needs

-  Blooms midsummer 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.

PURPLE CONEFLOWER - *Echinacea purpurea* 'Magnus' N

QTY. 3



Large, upswept, daisy-like purple flowers with showy, rose-colored rays above sturdy yet thin green stalks.

-  Mature height 2-3'  
Mature spread 18-24"
-  Full sun
-  Low water needs

-  Blooms summer
-  Attracts bees, birds, butterflies

 **CARE:** Division is not recommended due to long tap root.

ROSE MARVEL SALVIA - *Salvia nemerosa* 'Rose Marvel'

QTY. 3



A very compact clump with erect, leafy stalks that produce spikes of pink blossoms.

-  Mature height 10-12"  
Mature spread 10-12"
-  Full sun
-  Low water needs

-  Blooms summer to fall
-  Attracts bees, birds, butterflies
-  Resists deer, rabbits

 **CARE:** Reblooms throughout the summer, especially when spent blossoms are deadheaded.

# Plant Maintenance by Season

## MAINTENANCE TASKS

## PLANT

### SPRING (AFTER FIRST GROWING SEASON)

Divide mature plants in early spring every 3-4 years, as desired.

Cut back old growth or winter damage in mid to late spring.

If spring weather is rainy, place a gallon milk jug with the bottom cut out over the plant to keep the ground around it dry. Leave the top off jug so the plants don't overheat in the sun.

Shenandoah Switchgrass, Butterfly Blue Pincusion, Moonbeam Coreopsis

Shenandoah Switchgrass, Blue Fortune Hyssop, Butterfly Blue Pincusion, Furman's Red Salvia, Moonbeam Coreopsis, Purple Coneflower

Fire Spinner Ice Plant

### SUMMER

Water sparingly once established.

Deadhead spent flowers to encourage new blooms and compact growth, or to minimize self-seeding.

Fire Spinner Ice Plant

Butterfly Blue Pincusion, Moonbeam Coreopsis, Purple Coneflower, Rose Marvel Salvia

### FALL

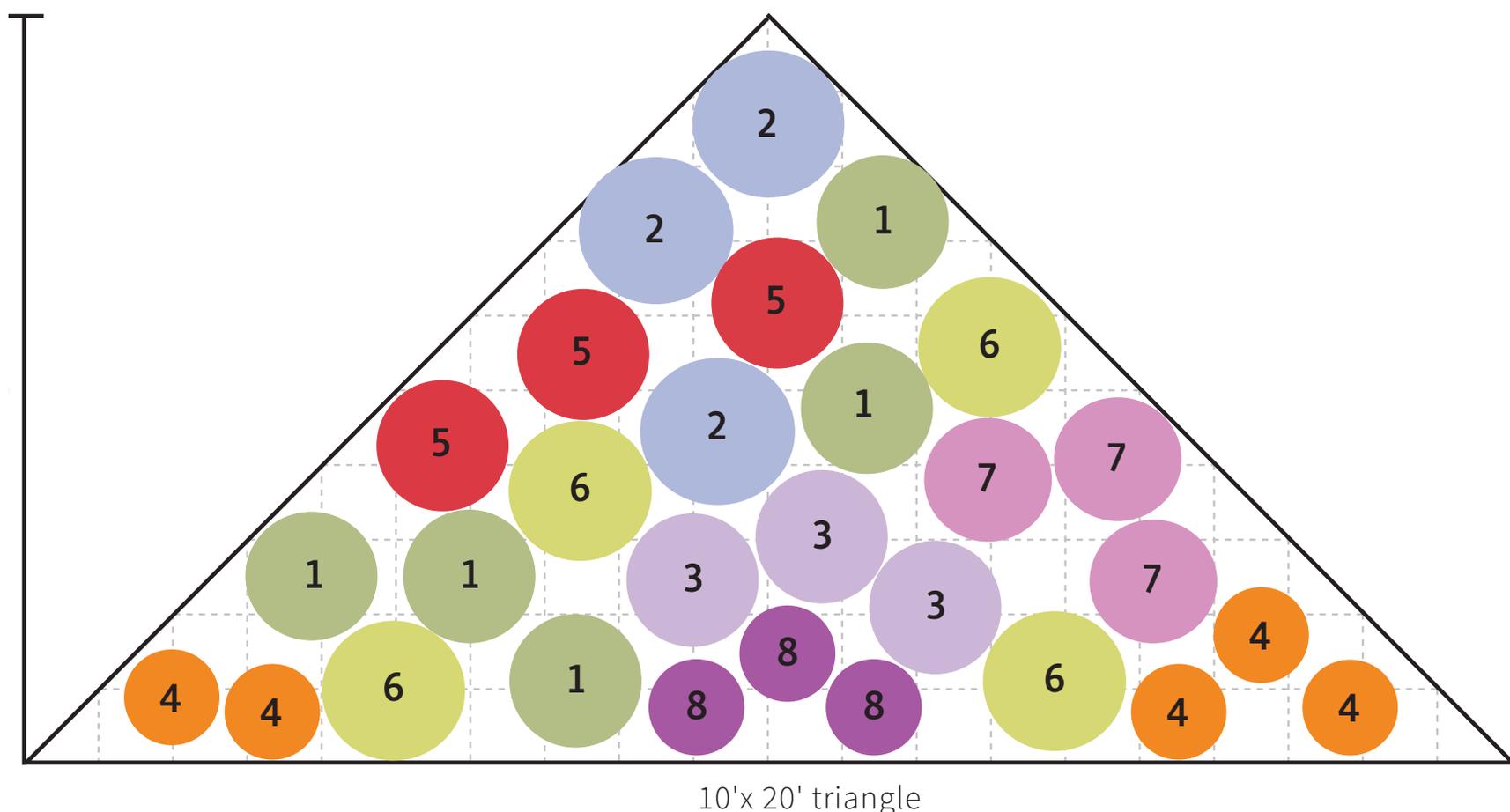
Leave last round of blooms to self-seed and/or provide food for birds.

Do not cut back or prune! Plant susceptible to winter damage if pruned.

Butterfly Blue Pincusion, Furman's Red Salvia, Moonbeam Coreopsis, Purple Coneflower

Blue Fortune Hyssop

## Plant by Number Design Suggestion



10'x 20' triangle

SUGGESTED FRONT SIDE OF GARDEN

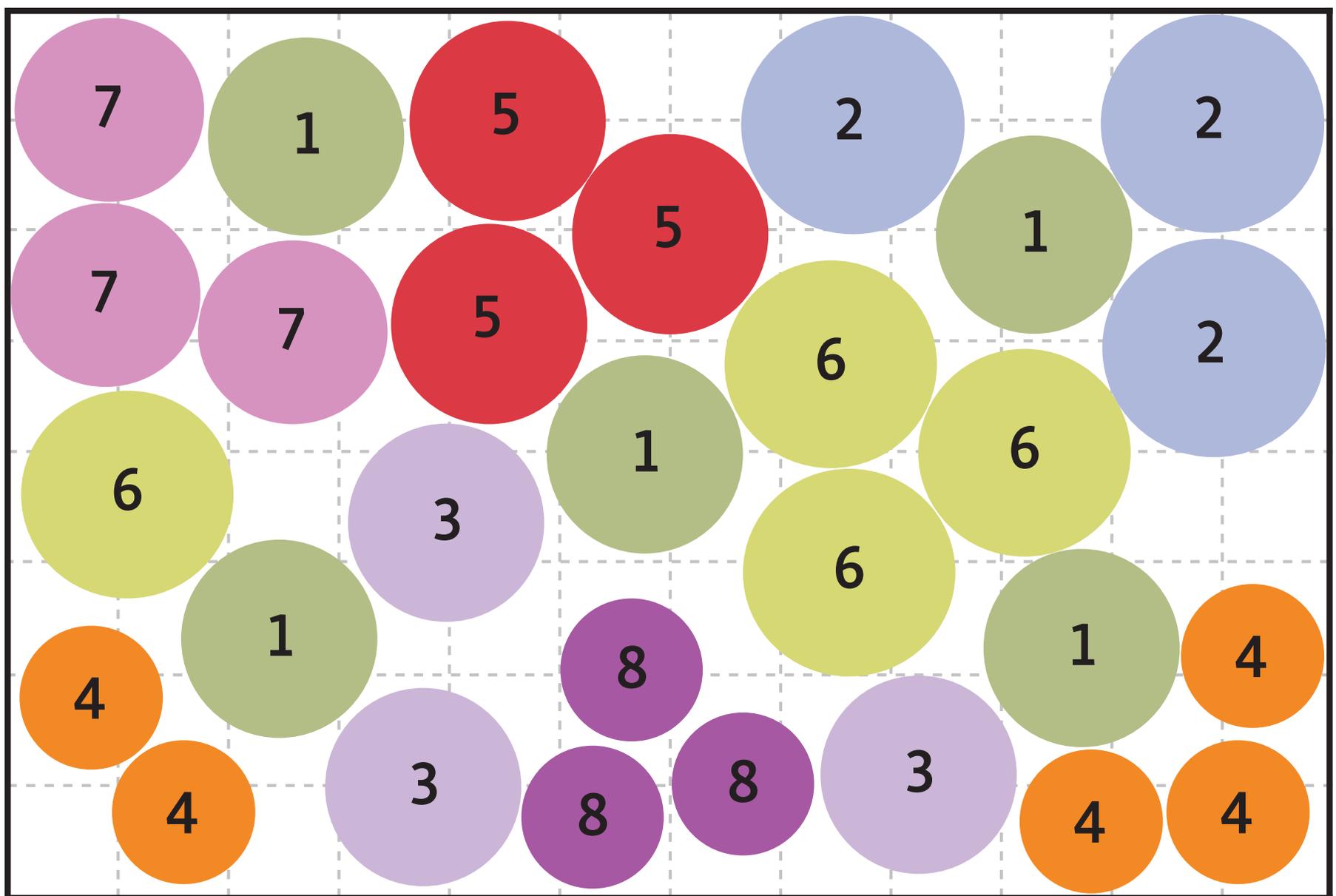
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## Key

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| 1. Shenandoah Switchgrass (Qty. 5)    | 5. Furman's Red Salvia (Qty. 3) |
| 2. Blue Fortune Hyssop (Qty. 3)       | 6. Moonbeam Coreopsis (Qty. 4)  |
| 3. Butterfly Blue Pincushion (Qty. 3) | 7. Purple Coneflower (Qty. 3)   |
| 4. Fire Spinner Ice Plant (Qty. 5)    | 8. Rose Marvel Salvia (Qty. 3)  |

1 box = 1 square foot

Map reflects bloom or showy foliage colors.



8'x 12' triangle

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