

MODERN COTTAGE GARDEN

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hello!

Step into the world of **Modern Cottage Gardens**—a timeless blend of structured elegance and relaxed floral abundance.

Whether you're drawn to **lush, layered plantings** or the **effortless charm of curated outdoor spaces**, this guide will help you craft a garden that feels both **luxurious and livable**.

Bringing together my years of expertise, this guide offers a **simple, step-by-step framework** to help you achieve **professional-level garden design with confidence**.

A garden should be a **natural extension of your home**—beautiful, inviting, and effortless to enjoy. Through this guide, you'll learn how to create a space that **blends lush color with timeless structure**, ensuring **year-round beauty** without constant upkeep.

Whether you're starting **fresh or refining an existing space**, this guide helps you choose the right plants for a **professionally styled look**. If you love **structured elegance** blended with **relaxed floral abundance**, this is for you.

Let's get started!

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IS THIS GUIDE FOR YOU?

This **Signature Plant Palette** is designed for homeowners and garden enthusiasts who want a **curated, timeless garden** that blends structure with effortless beauty.

- ✓ You love the **charm of layered plantings** but need guidance on what plants work best together.
- ✓ You want a **high-end, designer look** but prefer a **guided, approachable** plan over hiring a full-scale landscape architect.
- ✓ You're looking for **low-maintenance plants** that provide **year-round beauty** with seasonal highlights.
- ✓ You want your garden to feel **cohesive and intentional**, with plants that complement each other in both color and texture.
- ✓ You value **expert recommendations** that take the guesswork out of plant selection—so you can **shop with confidence**.

By the end of this guide, you'll have a **professionally curated** plant palette tailored to the **Modern Cottage Garden aesthetic**, ensuring a stunning yet effortless outdoor space.

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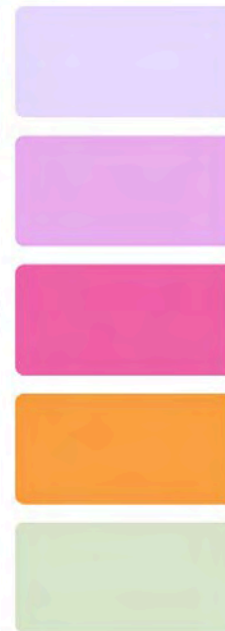
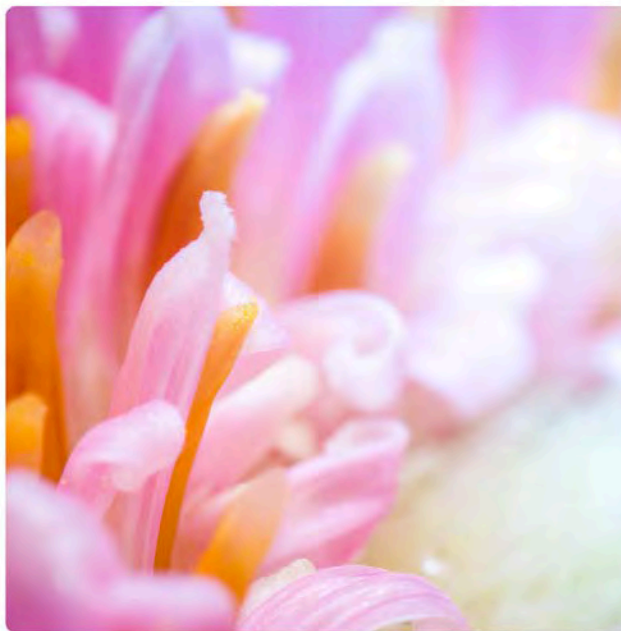
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PART 01



SIGNATURE PLANT PALETTE





INTRODUCTION

The **Modern Cottage Garden** is a balance of **romantic, lush plantings** and **refined structure**. This curated selection of plants has been designed to bring effortless beauty, seasonal color, and architectural interest to your outdoor space. By combining carefully selected perennials, evergreens, and accents, you will achieve a timeless and harmonious garden that remains beautiful throughout the year.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This **Signature Plant Palette** is your key to curating a **cohesive and timeless Modern Cottage Garden**. Each plant has been thoughtfully selected to create balance, structure, and **seasonal beauty**—ensuring your **garden looks stunning year-round**.

Use this guide to **choose plants** based on structure, seasonal interest, and complementary layers, so your design feels both **curated and natural**. Whether you're using it as a **standalone reference** or pairing it with the **Luxury Modern Cottage Garden Blueprint & Styling Suite**, this guide will help you:

- ✓ **Match plants to their roles in the design**—Structural Elements, Seasonal Blooms, and Architectural Accents.
- ✓ **Adapt selections based on personal preferences, climate, and maintenance level.**
- ✓ **Explore different layout options** to see how these structural, seasonal, and architectural layers can be arranged to create a variety of beautiful garden compositions.

Climate Adaptation: The plants in this **Signature Plant Palette** are best suited for **USDA Hardiness Zones 5–7 (and some into Zone 8)**. For those in **warmer or cooler zones**, we've included an **Alternate Plant List** at the end of this guide to help you make the best selections for your climate.

👉 *Want a complete pre-designed garden plan?* The **Luxury Modern Cottage Garden Blueprint & Styling Suite** provides the structural layout to make implementation effortless. Pair it with this plant palette for a fully cohesive design!

STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS (EVERGREENS & YEAR-ROUND FOUNDATION)

Every plant in a **Modern Cottage Garden** plays a role in achieving a structured yet soft aesthetic. **Structural elements** form the backbone of your garden, providing **year-round form, stability, and definition**. These plants frame flower beds and house foundations, define pathways, and anchor seasonal plantings, ensuring the garden remains visually appealing—even in winter.

If you purchased **The Luxury Modern Cottage Garden Blueprint & Styling Suite**, you'll see these **structural plantings** represented on the blueprint in **dark green**, illustrating how they create a cohesive foundation. Below is a **curated selection** of plants that embody the refined structure and timeless elegance of the **modern cottage garden**.

Design Tip: Choose one or two plants for your garden from the structural elements section to keep the look cohesive and uncluttered.

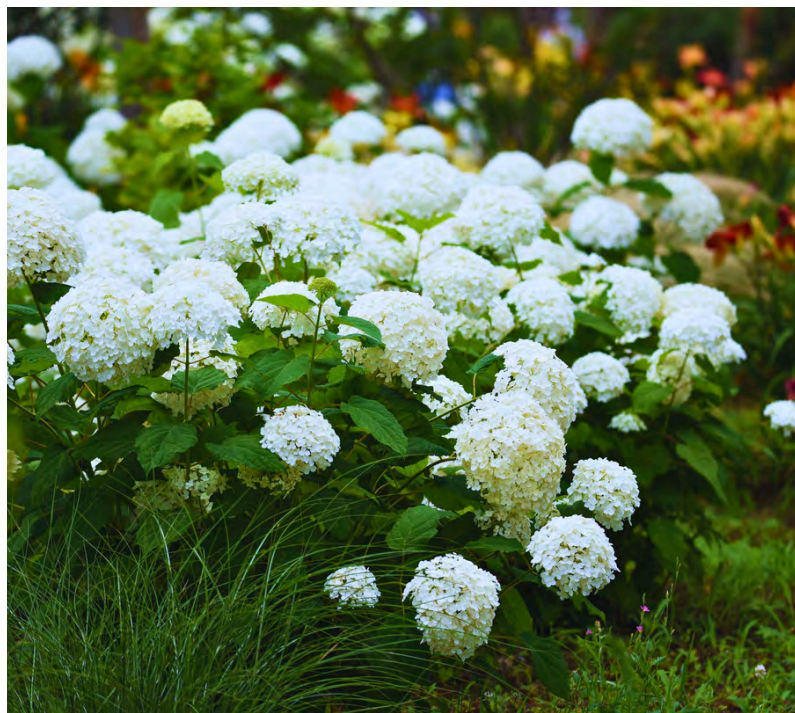
Green Velvet Boxwood (*Buxus* 'Green Velvet') – Compact and lush, this slow-growing evergreen defines pathways and frames plantings while maintaining a refined, polished appearance year-round.



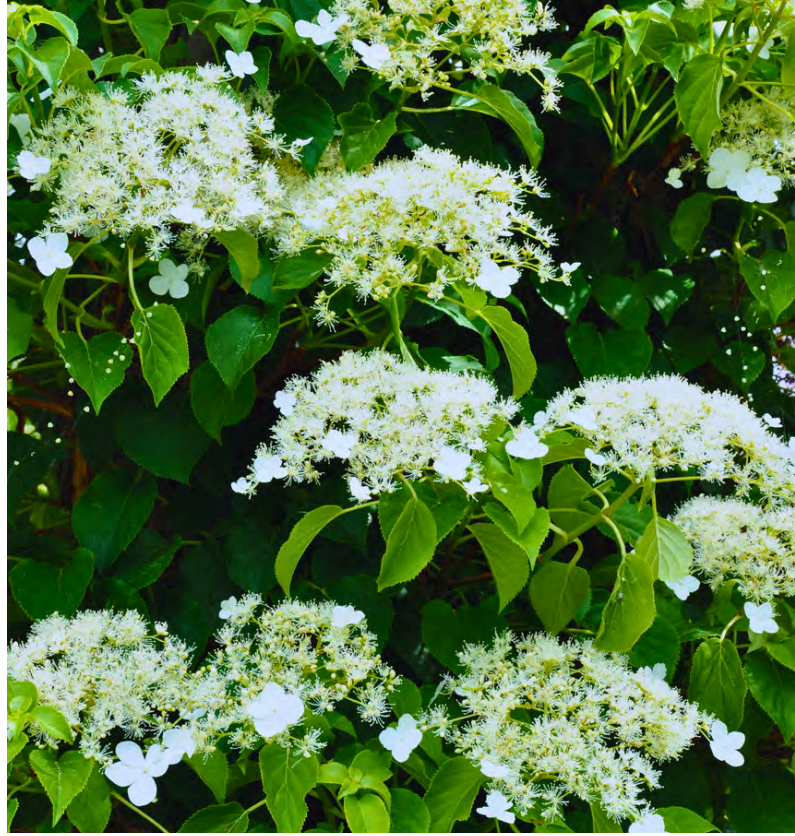
Dense Yew (*Taxus x media* 'Densiformis') – Adds a formal yet inviting feel, perfect for defining borders or framing entryways. They can be hedged or left alone to give a wilder look. For a lower growing variety consider, **Everlow Yew** (*Taxus* × *media* 'Everlow')



Annabelle Hydrangea (*Hydrangea arborescens* 'Annabelle') – Large, cloud-like white blooms that transition beautifully through the seasons. A classic cottage garden shrub that blends structure with a soft, romantic touch. If you prefer a variety that doesn't flop, try



Climbing Hydrangea (*Hydrangea anomala* subsp. *petiolaris*) – An elegant, self-clinging vine that thrives in shade, adding lush greenery and textural depth to walls, trellises, or archways. Be patient with this one—it can take 3 to 5 years to establish and flower, but the stunning results are well worth the wait.



Lavender (*Lavandula angustifolia* 'Munstead') – Silvery foliage and fragrant purple blooms create a classic, low-maintenance edge.



SEASONAL BLOOM LAYERS (ROMANTIC FLORALS & SOFT LAYERS)

With the foundational structure in place, the next layer of beauty comes from seasonal blooms, **the heart of the garden's color and charm**. These plants create **seasonal waves of flowers and texture**, offering **soft, romantic movement** that shifts throughout the year. By layering early spring, summer, and late-season bloomers, you'll achieve a **long-lasting display of color and fragrance**. This layer of plants is represented in pink on the blueprint of the **Luxury Modern Cottage Garden Blueprint & Styling Suite**.

David Austin Roses ('Desdemona' or 'Gertrude Jekyll') – Luxurious, fragrant, old-world roses that provide continuous blooms and an unmistakable heirloom garden aesthetic.



Lavender (*Lavandula angustifolia* 'Munstead') – A timeless favorite for garden borders, this compact lavender variety adds fragrance, soft purple hues, and an evergreen presence, making it useful for both the structural and season bloom layers.



Rozanne Geranium (*Geranium* 'Rozanne') – A graceful, trailing perennial with a long bloom season, adding cascading elegance and soft purple hues throughout the summer.



Tall Lavender Garden Phlox

(‘Phlox paniculata 'David') –

Elegant and airy, this perennial provides soft floral layers in summer, blending effortlessly into mixed borders.



Feverfew (Tanacetum parthenium)

or **Shasta Daisy** (Leucanthemum × superbum) – Delicate, daisy-like flowers that create a light, meadow-inspired effect, softening the overall garden composition.



Salvia (Salvia nemorosa

‘Caradonna’) – Deep violet flower spikes that emerge in early summer, attracting pollinators and providing a structured yet delicate vertical accent.



Allium ‘Summer Beauty’ –

Sculptural purple globes that rise above the planting bed, offering a whimsical yet structured focal point.



Peonies (*Paeonia lactiflora* ‘Sarah Bernhardt’) – Lush, fragrant blooms that add a touch of romantic opulence.



With your structural foundation in place and seasonal blooms providing color, the final element is architecture and motion—introducing plants that add depth, movement, and contrast. These finishing touches create the effortless elegance of a true Modern Cottage Garden.

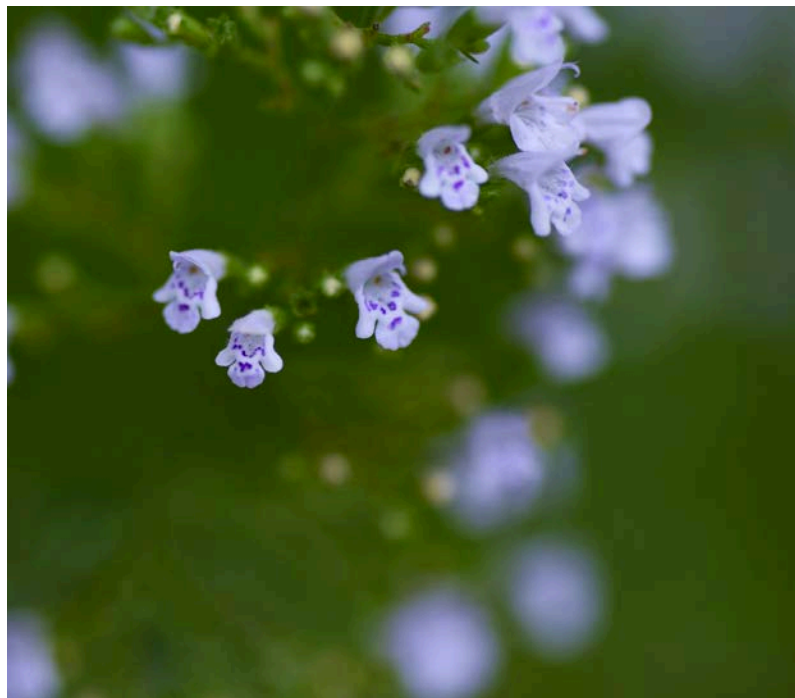
ARCHITECTURAL ACCENTS & MOTION

To truly **elevate your garden's design** architectural accents and textural elements add **the finishing touches that** create **personality, elegance, and flow**. These plants introduce **graceful movement, sculptural interest, and visual contrast**. Tall, swaying grasses, dramatic blooms, and trailing vines create a sense of **effortless beauty and refined styling**. This layer of plants is represented in yellow on the blueprint of the **Luxury Modern Cottage Garden Blueprint & Styling Suite**.

Foxglove Camelot Rose (*Digitalis purpurea* 'Camelot Rose') – Towering spires of pastel blooms that add height and old-world charm, reinforcing the romantic cottage aesthetic. For a variety of shades of pink, go for the *Digitalis purpurea* 'Excelsior' variety.



Calamintha 'Montrose White' – A delicate, pollinator-friendly perennial with tiny white blooms that create a misty, cloud-like effect in the garden.



Ornamental Grasses (*Stipa tenuissima*) – Feathery plumes that sway with the wind, adding a naturalistic touch .



Japanese Forest Grass

(*Hakonechloa macra*) – A shade-loving, soft golden-green grass that drapes elegantly over edges, adding a cascading, refined movement.



Clematis ‘Henryi’ or ‘Arabella’ – A delicate climbing vine that weaves through trellises and arbors, adding vertical movement and romantic drapery to garden structures.



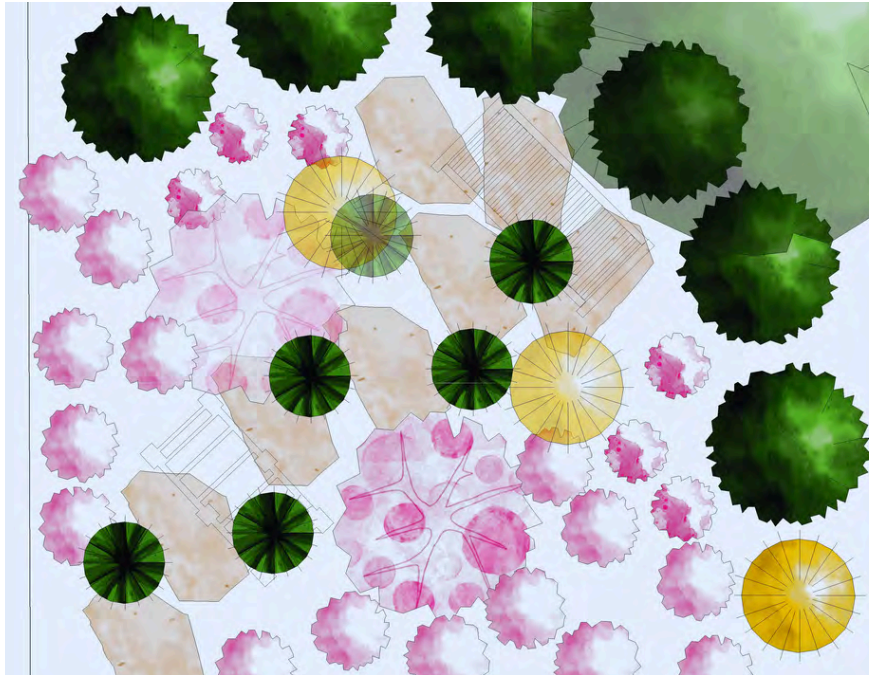
Delphiniums (Delphinium ‘Blue Bird’) – Towering blue spires that add vertical interest and a touch of grandeur.



READY TO BRING THESE ELEMENTS TOGETHER?

Now that we've selected the key plants, it's time to bring them together with intentional design. A well-balanced layout ensures that each plant complements the next, creating a seamless blend of structure, color, and movement. If you've purchased the **Luxury Modern Cottage Garden Blueprint & Styling Suite**, you'll find **several layout options** to reference, showcasing different ways these plant layers can be arranged for front yards, side gardens, and backyards. In the next section, we'll explore planting techniques and spatial arrangements that bring your modern cottage garden to life.

PART 02



LAYOUT & FLOW



A well-designed **Modern Cottage Garden** follows **layering principles** to create depth, structure, and an organic yet intentional look. In this section, we'll focus on the **art of plant layering and layout** to achieve a balanced, refined aesthetic. Every element—from structured evergreens to seasonal blooms—plays a role in curating a garden that feels effortlessly elegant.

👉 For details on **pathways, gathering spaces, and additional garden decor**, refer to the **Modern Cottage Garden Style Guide** for expert styling insights and finishing touches.

BACK-TO-FRONT PLANTING FORMULA

Use layering to achieve a balanced, naturalistic aesthetic:

- ✓ **Tallest Layer:** Climbing Roses, Tall Lavender, Delphinium, Garden Phlox, – Adds vertical movement and height while framing the space.
- ✓ **Mid-Level Layer:** Pale Pink English Roses, Salvia nemorosa ‘Wesuwe’, Compact Hydrangea – A structured yet airy mix of blooms for seasonal interest and lush softness.
- ✓ **Front/Edge Layer:** Rozanne Geranium, Allium ‘Summer Beauty’, Munstead Lavender, Ornamental Grasses, Shasta Daisy – Defines borders with cascading edges, texture, and contrast.

💡 **Pro Tips:** 1. Use *odd-numbered groupings* to achieve a natural, flowing design. 2. **Stagger plantings** rather than placing them in straight lines for a more organic effect. 3. **Overlap** the last few plantings in each grouping for natural transitions.

ARTISTIC VISION OF THE DESIGN IN ACTION



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Layer and blend soft florals



Taller layers in the back from viewing point.



Blend texture and color

PART 03



THE DESIGNER'S STYLING FORMULA



THE DESIGNER'S STYLING FORMULA: A THREE-PART APPROACH

A beautifully designed **Modern Cottage Garden** follows a strategic yet artistic approach. This three-part approach ensures a **balance of elegance and timeless charm**, creating a **curated yet effortless cottage garden aesthetic**.

1 DEFINE THE FRAMEWORK:

Start with a structured foundation of evergreen hedging, pathways, and key architectural elements like trellises or stone borders. This creates year-round elegance and provides a visual anchor for softer plantings.



2 LAYER & BLEND SOFT FLORALS:

Incorporate seasonal blooms to create movement and texture—think tall delphiniums, fragrant roses, and soft, swaying grasses. Maintain a harmonious color palette that evolves gracefully through the seasons, adding subtle contrast for depth and visual interest.



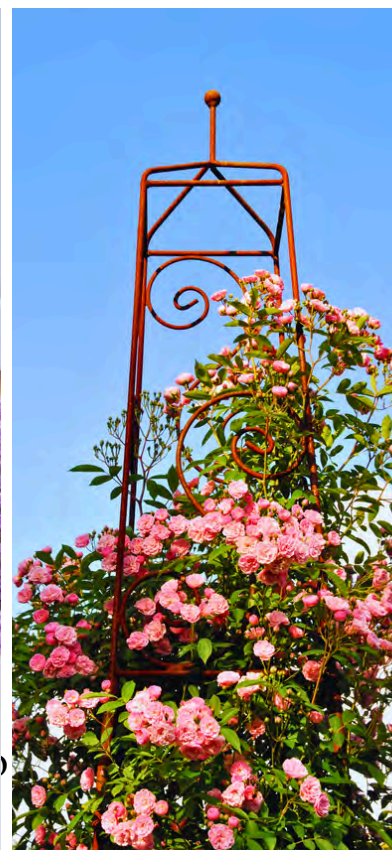
3 ELEVATE WITH SIGNATURE ACCENTS:

Enhance the ambiance with curated styling elements—vintage planters, wrought iron details, classic garden benches. These finishing touches reinforce the heirloom aesthetic and create a refined, timeless appeal.

For details on pathways, gathering spaces, and additional garden décor, **refer to the Modern Cottage Garden Style Guide** for expert styling insights and finishing touches.



Pro Tip: *Balance lushness with structure. Let climbing roses spill over arbors, but frame the space with crisp boxwood or yew to keep the overall look polished and elegant.*

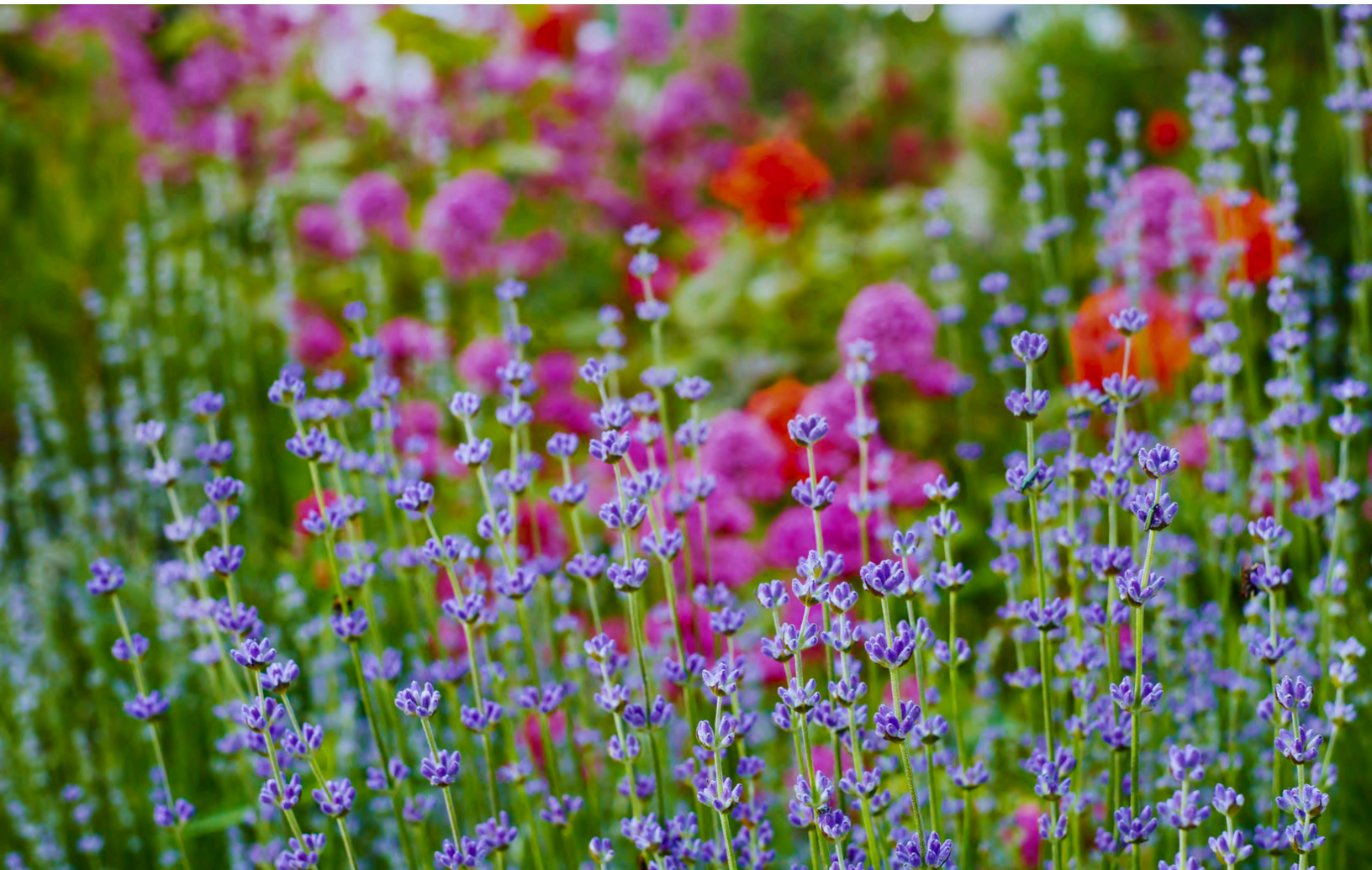


💡 **BONUS TIP:**

COLOR COMPOSITION FORMULA

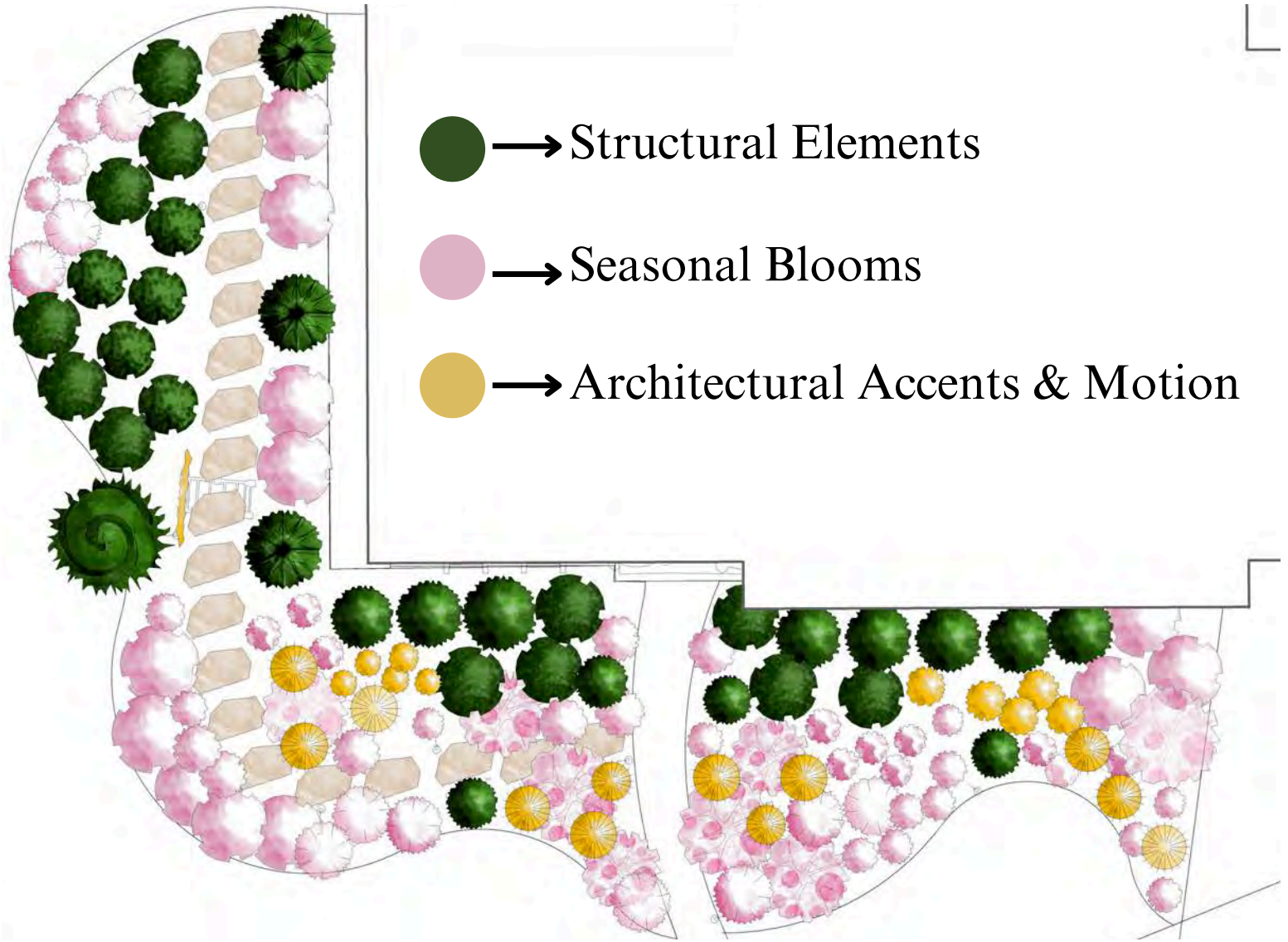
Follow this simple ratio for foolproof **color combinations**:

- 60% Base color (Green Boxwood hedges or White Hydrangeas)
- 30% Complementary color (Lavender, Purple Allium and/or Rozanne Geranium)
- 10% Accent color (Deep Purple Clematis)



SAMPLE GARDEN LAYOUT

Designed for Year-Round Interest & Layered Beauty



This layout illustrates how structural elements, seasonal blooms, and architectural accents work together to create a balanced and visually engaging Modern Cottage Garden. By following the Designer's Styling Formula, you can adapt these principles to your own space, ensuring a timeless and effortlessly elegant look.



artistic conception

This artistic concept illustrates the Modern Cottage Garden style's soft layering and structural elements in harmony.

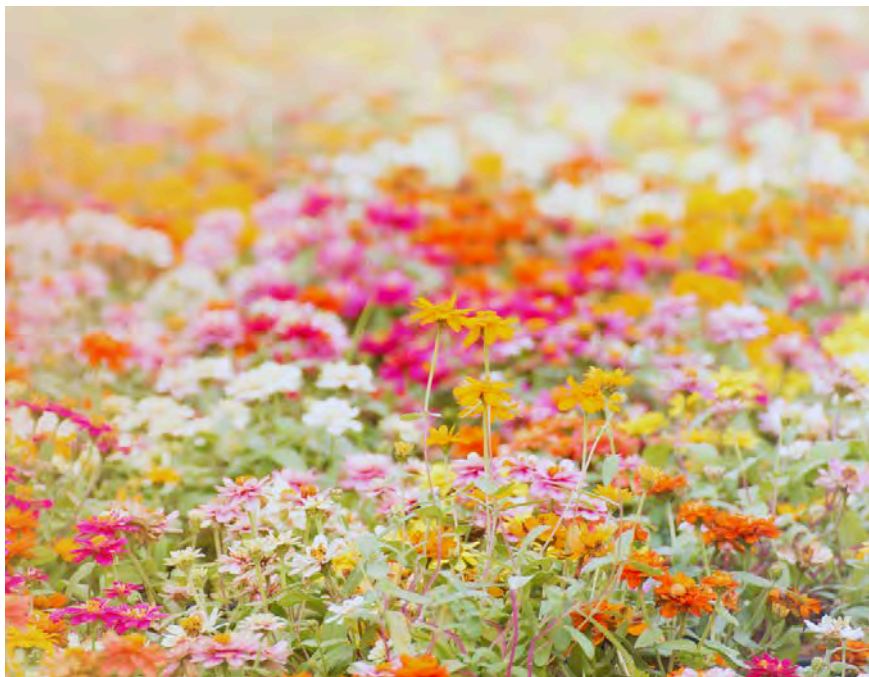
BRINGING YOUR GARDEN VISION TO LIFE

With the **Designer's Styling Formula**, you now have a solid foundation for creating a **Modern Cottage Garden** that feels effortlessly elegant and timeless. By layering plants with intention, balancing softness with structure, and incorporating signature accents, your outdoor space will reflect both beauty and purpose.

But your garden journey doesn't stop here. Whether you need **climate-specific plant substitutions**, styling solutions for common challenges, or expert recommendations to refine your space, the next section provides valuable tools to **support your vision**.

Continue on to explore **additional resources** designed to **simplify your decisions, enhance your creativity, and guide you toward a garden that feels like home**.

PART 04



ADDITIONAL QUICK REFERENCE RESOURCES

COMMON STYLING CHALLENGES & SOLUTIONS

Struggling with a garden that feels too sparse?

- ✓ Focus on plant layering—use a mix of heights and textures to create a rich, immersive feel.
- ✓ Add evergreen structure to anchor the space, ensuring year-round elegance.

Lacking color harmony?

- ✓ Stick to one primary color palette with 2-3 supporting tones to avoid a chaotic look.
- ✓ Use white or green as a neutral to soften transitions between colors.

No seasonal interest?

- ✓ Ensure at least 30% evergreen structure to maintain form in winter.
- ✓ Layer bulbs (tulips, daffodils) with late bloomers (asters, Japanese anemones) to extend seasonal beauty.

THE DESIGNER'S STYLING FORMULA

STEP 1: ESTABLISH YOUR GARDEN'S FOUNDATION

- ✓ Define structure using evergreens and hardscaping elements.
- ✓ Choose a color palette that complements your home's architecture.

STEP 2: LAYER PLANTS FOR DEPTH & INTEREST

- ✓ Use a mix of heights—tall spires (Delphiniums), mid-level fillers (Peonies), and ground covers (Geranium 'Rozanne').
- ✓ Ensure at least 30% evergreen structure for year-round elegance.

STEP 3: ENHANCE WITH TIMELESS STYLING ELEMENTS

- ✓ Add gravel paths, vintage urns, and climbing roses on arbors.
- ✓ Keep styling refined—balance wild blooms with crisp structure.

 **Final Touch:** A Modern Cottage Garden is an intentional blend of classic romance and curated elegance. Follow these steps to create a space that feels effortlessly beautiful!

QUICK REFERENCE MODERN COTTAGE GARDEN - SIGNATURE PLANT PALETTE

Plant Name	Bloom Time	Height	Light	Notes
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Structural Evergreens

Green Velvet Boxwood	- -	2-3'	Full Sun-Part Shade	Compact form, deer resistant
Dense Yew	Summer	4-6'	Full Sun-Part Shade	Classic evergreen, deer resistant
Annabelle Hydrangea		3-5'	Part Shade-Shade	Lush white blooms, adaptable

Climbers & Edgers

Climbing Hydrangea	Summer	Up to 30'	Shade-Part Shade	Elegant vine, slow to establish
Lavender	Summer	1-2'	Full Sun	Pollinator-friendly, deer resistant

Seasonal Bloom Layer

David Austin Roses	Repeat Bloomer	4-5'	Full Sun Full Sun-	Fragrant, cottage essential Long
Rozanne Geranium Tall	Summer-Fall	1-2'	Part Shade Full Sun	bloom season, low maintenance
Garden Phlox	Mid-Late	3-4'	Full Sun Full Sun	Fragrant, butterfly magnet Soft
Feverfew	Summer	1-2	Full Sun Full Sun	white filler, pollinator-friendly
Salvia	Summer	2-3'		Vertical accent, pollinator favorite
Allium 'Summer Beauty'	Summer	1.5		Deer resistant, architectural
Peonies	Spring-Early Summer	3'-2"		Lush, romantic blooms

Architectural Accent & Motion Layer

Foxglove 'Camelot Rose'	Early Summer	3-4'	Part Shade	Vertical interest, old-world charm
Calamintha 'Montrose White'	Summer-Fall	1-2'	Full Sun	Pollinator-friendly, airy texture
Ornamental Grasses (Stipa)	Summer-Fall	2-3'	Full Sun	Naturalistic sway, soft filler

ALTERNATE CLIMATE PLANT SUBSTITUTION GUIDE

Use this guided chart to discover plant alternatives that capture the essence of the Modern Cottage Garden style, tailored for both warmer and cooler climates beyond zones 5–7

Plant Category	Original Recommended Plant	Cooler Zone Alternative (Zones 3-5)	Warmer Zone Alternative (Zones 8-10)
Structural Elements	Green Velvet Boxwood	Hicks Yew	Japanese Boxwood
	Dwarf English Boxwood	Dwarf Alberta Spruce	Podocarpus
	Annabelle Hydrangea	Smooth Hydrangea 'Incrediball'	Hydrangea 'Limelight'
	Climbing Hydrangea	Clematis 'Snow Queen'	Confederate Jasmine
Seasonal Bloom Layers	David Austin Roses ('Desdemona' or 'Gertrude Jekyll')	David Austin 'Harlow Carr'	Mutabilis Rose
	Munstead Lavender	Hidcote Lavender	Phenomenal Lavender
	Allium 'Summer Beauty'	Allium 'Gladiator'	Society Garlic
	Rozanne Geranium	Geranium 'Johnson's Blue'	Mexican Petunia
	Feverfew	Leucanthemum 'Becky'	African Daisy
	Wesuwe Salvia	Salvia 'Caradonna'	Salvia 'Mystic Spires'
Architectural Accents & Motion	Tall Lavender Garden Phlox ('David')	Garden Phlox 'Bright Eyes'	Lantana 'Miss Huff'
	Prairie Dropseed (Ornamental Grass)	Blue Fescue	Gulf Muhly Grass
	Japanese Forest Grass	Hakonechloa 'All Gold'	Carex 'Evergold'
	Clematis 'Henryi' or 'Arabella'	Clematis 'Nelly Moser'	Passiflora 'Incense'
	Foxglove (Digitalis purpurea)	Digitalis 'Dalmatian White'	Foxglove 'Candy Mountain'

SUITABLE ALTERNATIVES GUIDE

Use this guide to find suitable alternatives when the original plant is unavailable.

ORIGINAL PLANT	ALTERNATIVE(S)	WHY THIS WORKS	NOTES ON PLACEMENT & COMBINATIONS
ALLIUM 'SUMMER BEAUTY'	ALLIUM 'MILLENNIUM'	SIMILAR SUMMER-BLOOMING ALLIUM WITH ROUND PURPLE FLOWERS.	WORKS WELL IN NATURALISTIC DRIFTS ; PAIRS BEAUTIFULLY WITH GRASSES AND ECHINACEA.
ANNABELLE HYDRANGEA	HYDRANGEA ARBORESCENS 'INCREDIBALL'	LARGER, STRONGER STEMS TO SUPPORT BIG BLOOMS WHILE MAINTAINING THE SAME STRUCTURE.	USE IN MASSES OR BORDERS ; PAIRS WELL WITH ROSES AND PERENNIALS.
CLEMATIS 'HENRI' OR 'ARABELLA'	CLEMATIS 'JACKMANII' R	RICH PURPLE BLOOMS , STRONG CLIMBING HABIT, AND LONG BLOOM PERIOD .	USE AGAINST TRELLISES OR WALLS FOR VERTICAL INTEREST.
DAVID AUSTIN ROSES 'DESDEMONA' OR 'GERTRUDE JEKYLL'	DAVID AUSTIN 'OLIVIA MAINTAINS ROSE AUSTIN' OR 'THE GENEROUS GARDENER'	FRAGRANT ENGLISH ROSES LA WITH A ROMANTIC APPEAL.	FOCAL POINT IN BEDS ; PAIR WITH LAVENDER AND NEPETA.
DELPHINIUM 'BLUEBIRD'	DELPHINIUM 'MAGIC FOUNTAIN'	SIMILAR TRUE BLUE BLOOMS WITH A MORE COMPACT, WIND-RESISTANT FORM.	BEST IN PROTECTED AREAS WITH STAKING; COMBINES WELL WITH FOXGLOVE.
DWARF ENGLISH BOXWOOD	ILEX CRENATA 'SOFT TOUCH' (JAPANESE HOLLY)	EVERGREEN STRUCTURE AND TEXTURE WITH BETTER DISEASE RESISTANCE.	IDEAL FOR LOW HEDGING OR FOUNDATION PLANTING .
FEVERFEW OR SHASTA DAISY	LEUCANTHEMUM 'BECKY'	LARGER, LONG-BLOOMING DAISY-LIKE FLOWERS WITH STRONG STEMS.	MID-BORDER HEIGHT ; PAIRS WELL WITH ECHINACEA AND GRASSES.
FOXGLOVE	DIGITALIS 'DALMATIAN WHITE'	RETAINS TALL SPIRES AND SOFT COTTAGE CHARM WHILE OFFERING A SHORTER LIFE CYCLE .	IDEAL FOR BACKGROUND PLANTINGS WITH STAGGERED HEIGHTS.

ORIGINAL PLANT	ALTERNATIVE(S)	WHY THIS WORKS	NOTES ON PLACEMENT & COMBINATIONS
GREEN VELVET BOXWOOD	TAXUS X MEDIA 'DENSIFORMIS' (YEW)	SIMILAR MOUNDED EVERGREEN STRUCTURE , SLOWER-GROWING BUT DENSE.	PERFECT FOR FRAMING PATHWAYS OR BORDERS .
HIDCOTE LAVENDER	LAVANDULA X INTERMEDIA 'PHENOMENAL'	STRONGER HEAT TOLERANCE WITH DEEP PURPLE BLOOMS.	IDEAL FOR PATHWAY EDGES AND DRY, SUNNY BORDERS .
JAPANESE FOREST GRASS (HAKONECHLOA MACRA)	CAREX 'EVERILLO'	SIMILAR GRACEFUL, ARCHING FOLIAGE , BUT MORE ADAPTABLE.	ADDS SOFT MOVEMENT AND CONTRAST TO STRUCTURED PLANTINGS.
MUNSTEAD LAVENDER	LAVANDULA ANGUSTIFOLIA 'VERA'	MORE COMPACT, SILVERY FOLIAGE WITH INTENSE FRAGRANCE.	WORKS WELL IN SMALL GARDEN SPACES AND POTS .
PEONY 'SARAH BERNHARDT'	PEONY 'FESTIVA MAXIMA'	CLASSIC BLUSH-PINK BLOOMS WITH A SIMILAR SHAPE AND FRAGRANCE.	ANCHOR PLANT IN BEDS; GREAT FOR CUT FLOWERS .
PRAIRIE DROPSEED (SPOROBOLUS HETEROLEPIS)	DESCHAMPSIA CESPITOSA (TUFTED HAIR GRASS)	FINE TEXTURED, AIRY GRASS WITH SOFT MOVEMENT.	BLENDS WELL WITH PERENNIALS AND ORNAMENTAL ALLIUMS .
ROSEANNE GERANIUM	GERANIUM 'AZURE RUSH'	MORE COMPACT WITH SIMILAR LONG-BLOOMING BLUE FLOWERS .	SPILLS OVER PATHWAYS AND SOFTENS BORDERS .
SALVIA 'CARADONNA'	SALVIA 'MAY NIGHT' OR 'BUMBLEBLUE'	MAINTAINS DEEP PURPLE SPIRES WITH STRONG POLLINATOR APPEAL.	BEST IN REPEATED GROUPINGS FOR RHYTHM.
TALL LAVENDER GARDEN PHLOX	PHLOX PANICULATA 'DAVID'	WHITE VERSION OF GARDEN PHLOX WITH STRONG MILDEW RESISTANCE .	ADDS HEIGHT TO MIXED BORDERS.
YEW (TAXUS SPP.)	THUJA OCCIDENTALIS 'TECHNY'	SIMILAR EVERGREEN STRUCTURE WITH VERTICAL INTEREST.	PROVIDES WINTER INTEREST AND STRUCTURE IN THE GARDEN.

SAMPLE COLOR FORMULA

Use this guide to help balance your garden's color palette.

COLOR FORMULA	COMBINATION 1	COMBINATION 2	COMBINATION 3
60% BASE	LAVENDER 'HIDCOTE' (6) & RUSSIAN SAGE (5)	CATMINT 'WALKER'S LOW' (5) & TALL GARDEN PHLOX (4)	VERONICA 'ROYAL CANDLES' (5) & ASTILBE 'DEUTSCHLAND' (4)
30% COMPLEMENTARY	GARDEN PHLOX 'DAVID' (4) & SALVIA (3) & PEONY 'SARAH 'CARADONNA' (3)	DELPHINIUM 'BLUE BIRD' (3) & PEONY 'SARAH BERNHARDT' (2)	BEE BALM 'JACOB CLINE' (3) & SALVIA 'MAY NIGHT' (2)
10% ACCENT	ALLIUM 'SUMMER BEAUTY' (2)	FOXGLOVE 'DALMATIAN PURPLE' (2)	CLEMATIS 'ETOILE VIOLETTE' (2)

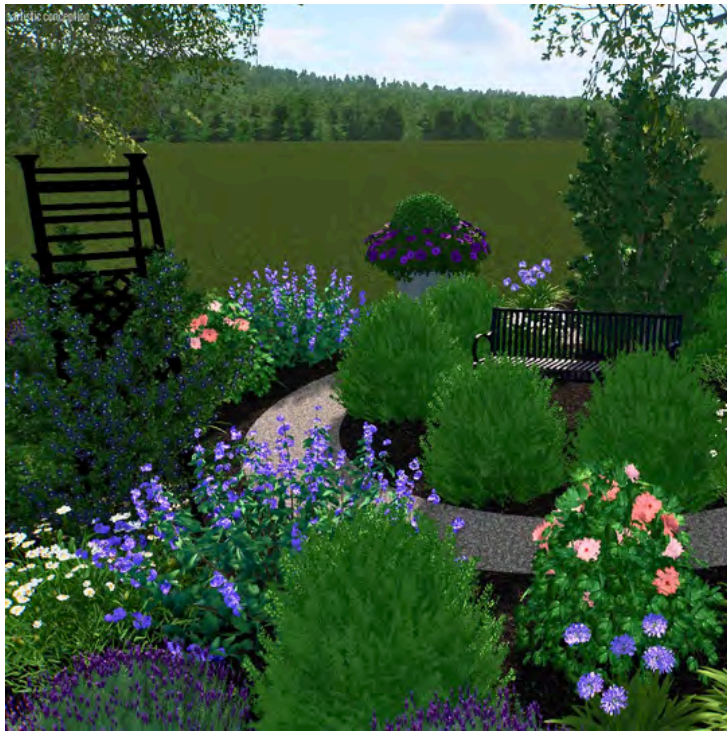
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Each one includes expert plant palettes, adaptable layout plans, and styling guides to bring your outdoor dreams to life.



SIGNATURE LOOKS YOU CAN STEAL



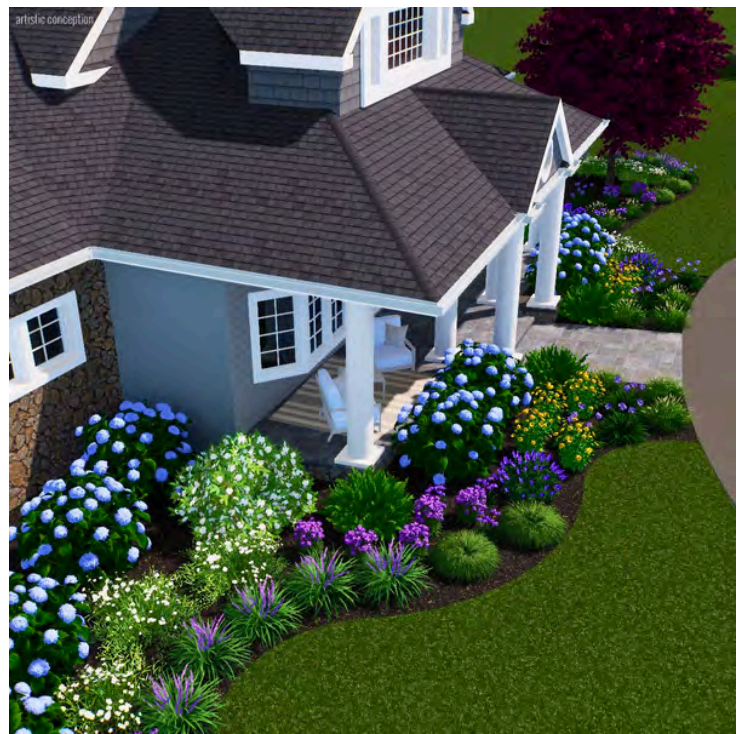
FRENCH COTTAGE



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NATURALISTIC



CLASSIC COTTAGE



MEET

The Designer

I created this guide to help homeowners like you achieve a **timeless, refined garden aesthetic** without the confusion or overwhelm that often comes with garden design. As a designer, I've worked with countless homeowners who knew the look they wanted but struggled to bring it to life in a way that felt **cohesive, intentional, and effortless**.

My goal is to **simplify the process** and provide you with a framework that ensures your garden not only looks stunning but also functions beautifully for your lifestyle.

I hope this guide inspires you to create a garden that reflects your **home's architecture, your personal style, and the kind of beauty that feels natural yet refined**.

Let's get started!

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