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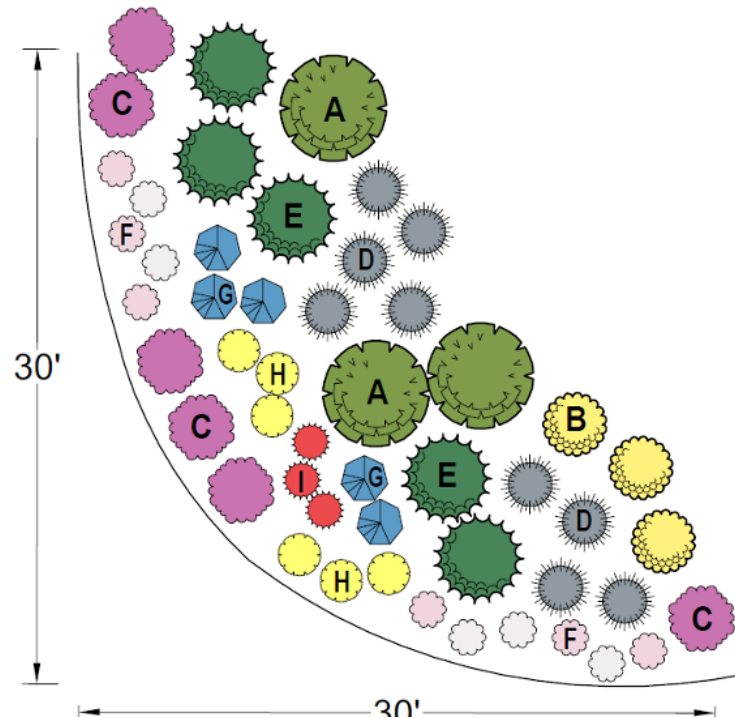
Free Waterwise Landscape Designs

Please enjoy these find free waterwise landscape designs and garden designs from some of our best regional landscape designers. These waterwise designs and xeriscapes are ideal for Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming and similar semi-arid states in the high plains and intermountain west.

COLORADO WATERSMART NATIVE BORDER

This shrub and perennial border features species and selections of native plants from the drier regions of Colorado. The plants chosen will provide interest in all seasons and evoke the natural beauty of our prairie and foothill habitats.

The water needs of the plants in this border are very low and once established irrigation would only be advised when extended periods of dry and warm weather occur. The design layout can be repeated to cover longer bed areas.



PLANT LIST:

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A. **Apache Plume** -or- Tall Blue Rabbitbrush (3)

B. **Baby Blue Rabbitbrush** -or- Dwarf Leadplant (3)

C. **Winecups** -or- Colorado Four O'Clock (5)

D. **Blonde Ambition Blue Grama Grass** -or- The Blues Little Bluestem Grass (9)

E. **Panchito Manzanita** -or- Soapweed Yucca (5)

F. **Prairie Lode Sundrops** -or- Tufted Evening Primrose (11)

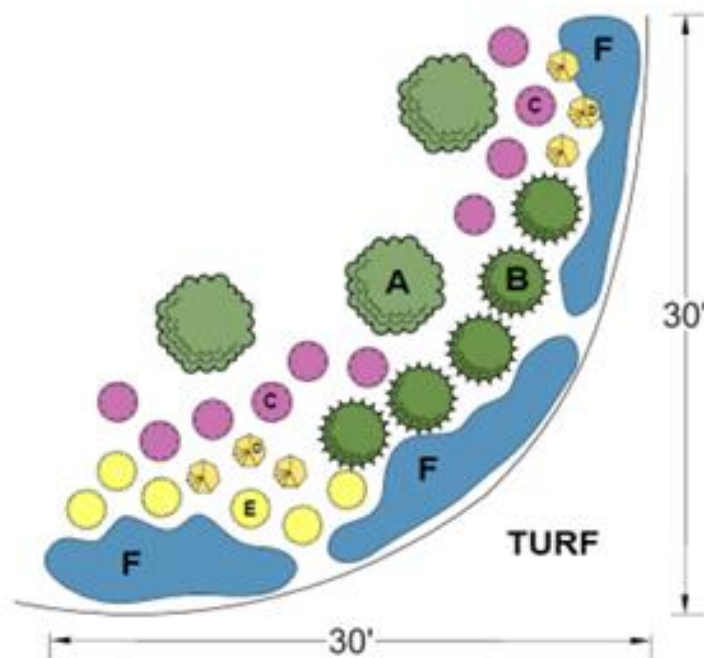
G. **Grand Mesa Penstemon** -or- Rocky Mountain Penstemon (5)

H. **Kannah Creek Buckwheat** -or- Prairie Coneflower (6)

I. **Bridges' Penstemon** -or- Plains Gayfeather (3)

DRY SHADE

Low-water gardens for shade are a bit more challenging to design than their sunnier counterparts because many plants that grow naturally in shady spots are found in woodlands with regular moisture. This garden incorporates western natives and plants from around the world that are naturally adapted to dry shade. Plant the veronicas in drifts along the front of the border to fill areas between the perennial flowers and lawn area. These same plants can be combined in smaller quantities for smaller areas.



PLANT LIST:

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A. **Cheyenne® Mock Orange** -or-
Waxflower (3)

B. **Mountain Lover** (5)

C. **Cashmere Sage** -or- **Plumbago** (10)

D. **Denver Gold® Columbine** -or- Perennial
Foxglove (6)

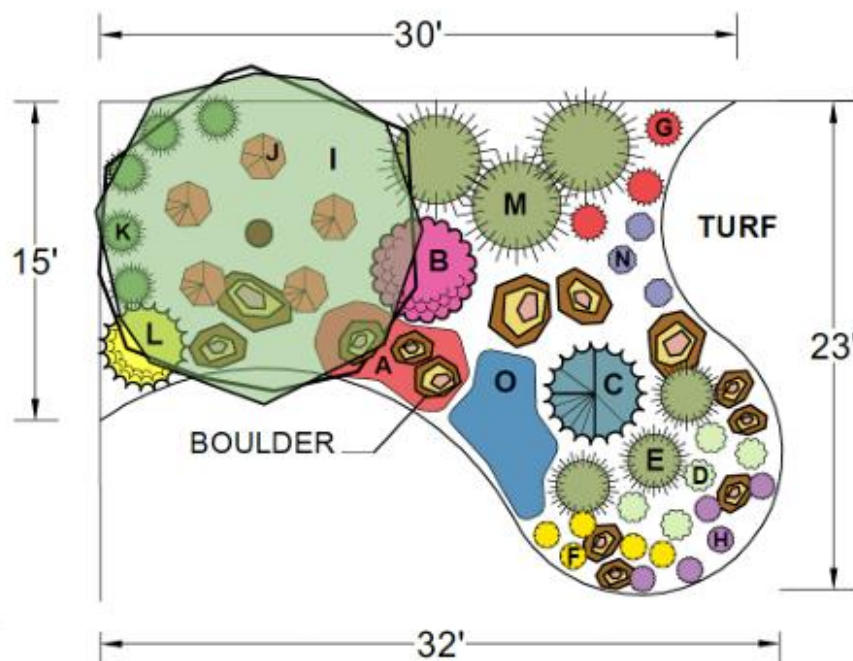
E. **Variegated Yellow Archangel** (6)

F. **Crystal River® Veronica** -or- **Wooly
Veronica** (50+)

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FOUR SEASON SENSATION

This garden represents a partial conversion of lawn to garden. Reshaping the existing lawn using a curvilinear approach adds flow and movement. Ornamental and coniferous trees provide height, shade and winter interest without interfering excessively with the views. This once water-hogging space is now a lush garden with plants that provide four season beauty, color and interest; thrive in low-water, clay soil and full sun conditions; and attract butterflies and hummingbirds. Drip irrigation and organic mulch, along with proper plant selection, aid in long-term water conservation.



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- A. Fire Spinner™ Ice Plant -*or*- Lavender Ice Ice Plant (7)
- B. Ruby Voodoo Rose -*or*- Redleaf Rose (1)
- C. Weeping White Spruce (1)
- D. Avalanche White Sun Daisy -*or*- Golden Storksbill (5)
- E. Blonde Ambition Blue Grama Grass -*or*- Korean Feather Reed Grass (3)
- F. Colorado Gold® gazania -*or*- Chocolate Flower (5)
- G. Red Birds in a Tree -*or*- Bridges' Penstemon (3)
- H. Valley Lavender® Plains Verbena -*or*- Winecups (5)
- I. Russian Hawthorn -*or*- Hot Wings® Tatarian Maple (1)
- J. Orange Carpet® Hummingbird Trumpet (5)
- K. Korean Feather Reed Grass (5)
- L. Spanish Gold Broom -*or*- Baby Blue Rabbitbrush (1)
- M. Giant Sacaton (3)
- N. Little Trudy® Catmint -*or*- Shadow Mountain® Penstemon (3)
- O. Crystal River® Veronica -*or*- Turkish Veronica (5)

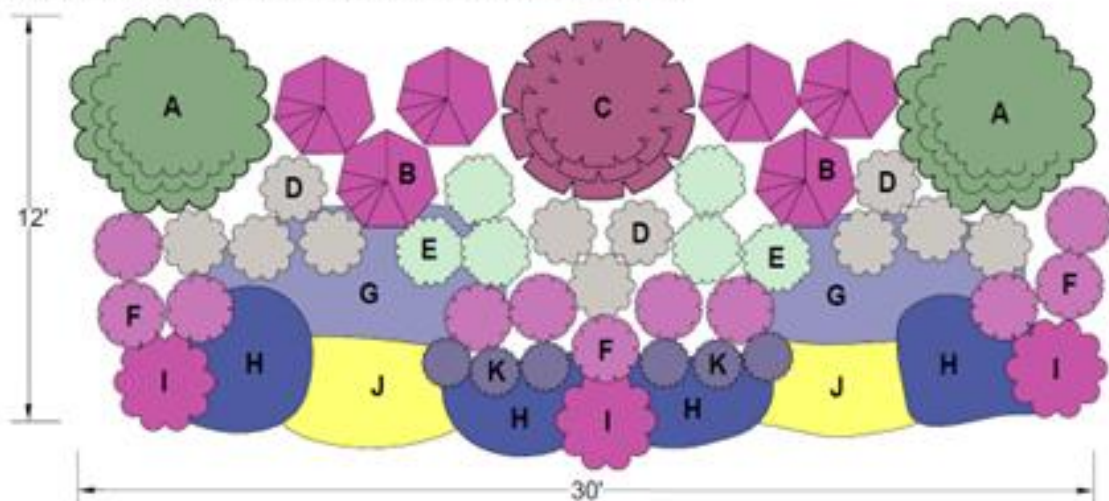
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WATERWISE COTTAGE

This garden features soft colors and textures, blended with silver foliage. Shrubs and easy-care perennials that look equally good out of bloom anchor the planting, while flowers ebb and flow from spring through fall. For additional early color, consider planting the bulbs listed amid the lower-growing plants in the foreground. To add interest the first couple of years in the area where the shrubs are filling in, consider planting the short-lived plants listed for that purpose. This is also a superb bee-attracting garden, and several of the plants offer fragrant flowers and foliage. Most but not all of the plants are deer-resistant. This design can be used as a perimeter planting: just repeat for whatever length is necessary. It can also be widened into a broader bed with the larger plants in the center or spine by planting its mirror image on the other side. All the plants are sun-loving and drought-tolerant, growing best in a well-drained soil and need little or no amendment.



Designer Lauren Springer Ogden

Lauren Springer Ogden designs both public and private gardens. Her book *The Undaunted Garden* is the mountain region's all-time best-selling garden book. She also coauthored the award-winning *Plant-Driven Design* and *Passionate Gardening*. She has also introduced numerous plants to the nursery trade, and Lauren and her work have been featured in national and international publications, and on radio and television.

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- A. Cheyenne® Mock Orange -or- Blue Velvet® Honeysuckle (2)
- B. Sonoran Sunset® Hyssop -or- Blue Blazes Hyssop (6)
- C. Redleaf Rose -or- Silver Fountain Butterfly Bush (1)
- D. Silver Sage -or- Giant Lamb's Ears (11)
- E. Dalmatian Daisy -or- Anthea Yarrow (6)
- F. Shadow Mountain® Penstemon -or- Red Rocks® Penstemon (11)
- G. Little Trudy® Catmint (14) -or- Select Blue Catmint (10)
- H. Platinum® Sage -or- Silverton® Bluemat Penstemon (20)
- I. Winecups (3) -or- Table Mountain® Ice Plant (15)
- J. 'Shimmer' evening primrose (10) -or- Silver Blade® Evening Primrose (6)
- K. Purple Mountain® Sun Daisy -or- Compact English Lavender (6)

Additional Plants:

- Corsican Violet (12) randomly in front 2' of bed to self-sow year after year

If desired, fill in around shrubs with the following short-lived plants while the shrubs grow to size:

- Red Feathers (9)
- Prairie Jewel® Penstemon (9)
- Grand Mesa Penstemon (9)
- Moon Carrot (9)

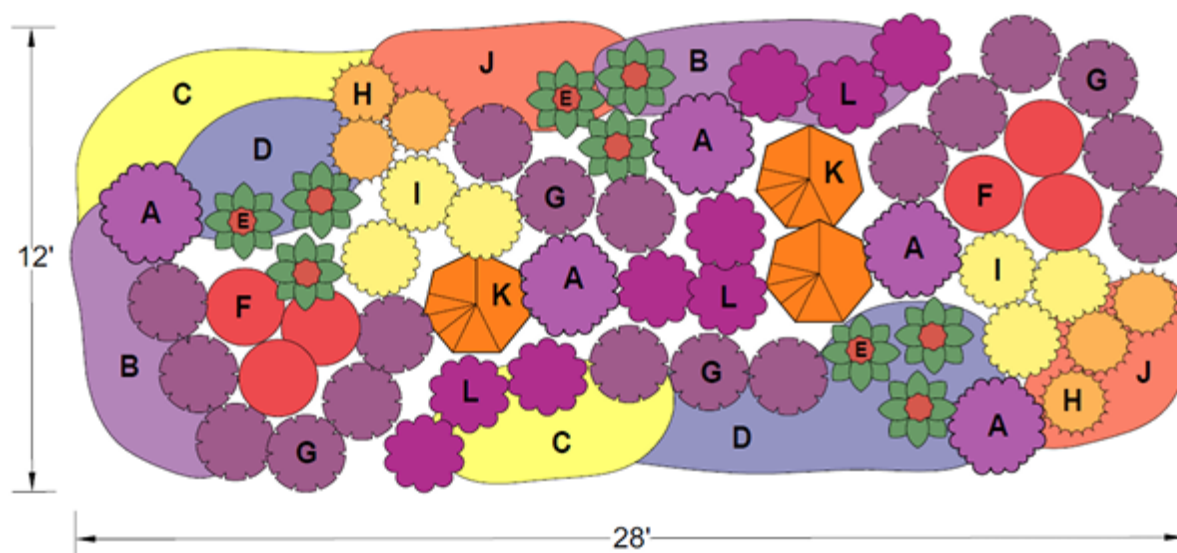
Bulbs:

- Star of Persia (25)
- Purple Snow Iris (50)
- Soft Blue Grape Hyacinth (50)
- Grecian Windflower (50)
- Lipstick Tulip (50)

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BUTTERFLY & HUMMINGBIRD GARDEN

This garden features plants that attract butterflies and hummingbirds. Flower colors are rich and deeply saturated, blooming spring through fall. Fine textures and silver and gray foliage compliment the blossoms; evergreen foliage enlivens the winter months. All but the penstemons are deer resistant. For additional late winter and early spring color, consider adding the bulbs listed below amid the lower-growing plants in the foreground of the planting. The tulips and snow iris are not deer resistant. All plants are sun-loving and drought-tolerant, and will do best in a well-drained soil with little or no amendment.



PLANT LIST:

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- A. Mojave Sage -or- Big Catmint 'Walker's Low'** (5)
- B. Valley Lavender® Plains Verbena -or- 'Annie' Verbena** (12)
- C. Filigree daisy** (11) **-or- Silver Heels Horehound** (7)
- D. Little Trudy® Catmint** (9) **-or- Select Blue Catmint** (6)
- E. Red Yucca -or- Golden Threadleaf Yucca** (9)
- F. Vermillion Bluffs® Mexican Sage -or- Hardy Autumn Sage** (6)
- G. Pike's Peak Purple® Penstemon -or- Shadow Mountain® Penstemon** (18)
- H. Indian Blanket** (6)
- I. Baby Blue Rabbitbrush -or- Dwarf Blue Mist Spirea** (6)
- J. Orange Carpet® Hummingbird Trumpet -or- Compact Indian Blanket** (7)
- K. Coronado® Hyssop -or- Dwarf Pink Hyssop** (9)
- L. Ultra Violet Sage** (9) **-or- English Lavender** (6)

Additional Plants:

- **Corsican Violet** (12) plant between larger shrubbier plants to self-sow year after year
- Sprinkle seed of annual California poppies and blue larkspur to self-sow year after year

Bulbs:

- Blue Snow Iris (50)
- Narrowleaf Tulip (25)
- Ancilla Tulip (25)
- Fire of Love Tulip (25)
- Blue Onion (50)



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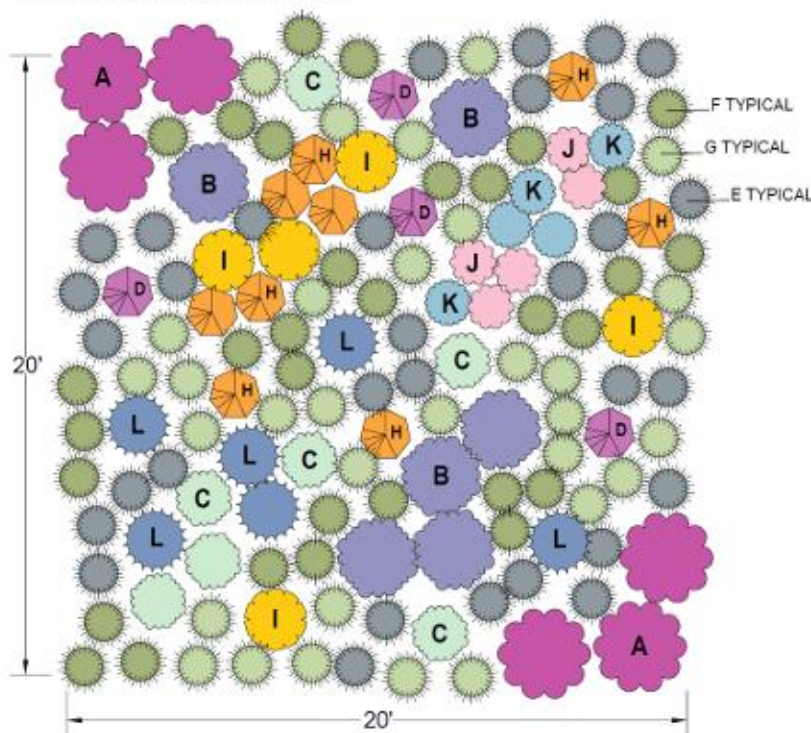
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PRAIRIE-INSPIRED

This garden takes its cue from the beautiful, serene grassy prairie. It is based on plantings I have experimented with over the past decade in my home garden. Three fine-textured, non-spreading, compact prairie grasses form the backdrop or textural matrix, with perennials that offer seasonal flower color threaded throughout. In winter, the grasses retain their form and take on lovely muted hues of russet and tan. The majority of the plants are prairie natives.

This planting can be expanded to fill much larger areas by simply repeating the design.

This garden will thrive in any well-drained soil, amended or not. It needs full sun.



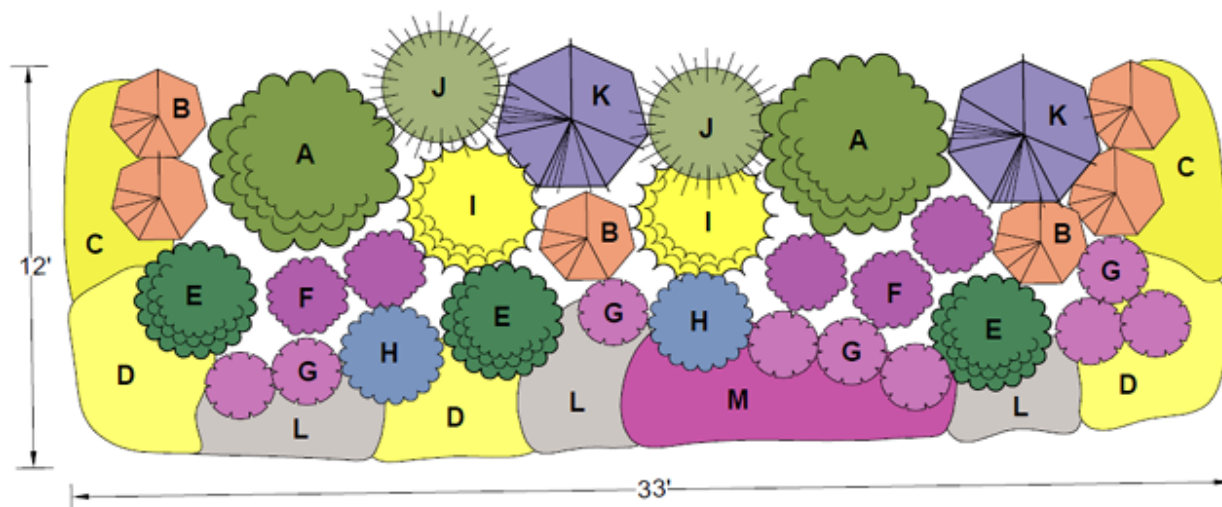
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- A. Winecups** -or- Desert Four O'Clock (6)
- B. 'October Skies' Aromatic Aster** -or- 'Raydon's Favorite' or 'Dream of Beauty' Aromatic Aster (6)
- C. Dalmatian Daisy** -or- 'Moonshine' Yarrow
- D. Plains Gayfeather** -or- Purple Prairie Clover (4)
- E. Prairie Blues Little Bluestem** (32) -or- Siskiyou Blue Fescue (48)
- F. Blonde Ambition Blue Grama Grass** (32) -or- Blue Grama (48)
- G. Autumn Embers Muhly** -or- Hardy Fountain Grass (32)
- H. Butterfly Weed** -or- Pale Coneflower or Prairie Coneflower (9)
- I. Amber Wheels Indian Blanket** -or- 'Arizona Sun' Indian Blanket (5)
- J. Prairie Jewel® Penstemon** -or- Rocky Mountain Penstemon (5)
- K. Western Blue Flax** -or- French Blue Flax (5)
- L. Colorado Desert Bluestar** -or- Blue Ice Bluestar (6)

CHAPARRAL/XERIC MIXED BORDER

This shrubby garden has a natural feel to it, blending native and adapted plants in a casual but full manner. Foliages are attractive and mostly fine-textured, with several evergreen plants to add winter interest. Long-bloomers add color from late spring to fall. Many of the flowers attract butterflies, hummingbirds, and bees. For added late winter and early spring color, consider adding the bulbs listed below amid the lower-growing plants in the foreground of the planting. To add interest the first couple of years in the area where the shrubs are filling in, consider planting the short-lived plants listed for that purpose. This design can be used as a perimeter planting: just repeat to the length needed. It can also be widened into a broader bed with the larger plants in the center or spine by planting its mirror image on the other side. This garden needs full sun and dry conditions, and will thrive in a lean, unamended soil.



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- A. Apache Plume -or- Fernbush (2)
- B. Sunset Hyssop -or- Sonoran Sunset® Hyssop (6)
- C. Kannah Creek® Buckwheat -or- Snow Mesa Buckwheat (12)
- D. 'Shimmer' Evening Primrose (12) -or- Silver Blade® Evening Primrose (9)
- E. Panchito Manzanita -or- Pawnee Buttes Sand Cherry (3)
- F. Mojave Sage -or- Blue Flame Hyssop (5)
- G. Red Rocks® Penstemon -or- Greek Valerian (9)
- H. Big Catmint (2)
- I. Spanish Gold® Broom -or- Lydian Broom (2)
- J. Giant Sacaton -or- Heavy Metal Switchgrass (2)
- K. Russian Sage -or- Blue Mist Spirea (2)
- L. Sea Foam Artemisia (6) -or- Partridge Feather (16)
- M. Winecups (3) -or- Table Mountain® Ice Plant (15)

Additional Plants:

- Corsican Violet (12) randomly in front 2' of bed to self-sow year after year

If desired, fill in around shrubs with the following short-lived plants while the shrubs grow to size:

- Red Feathers (9)
- Prairie Jewel® penstemon (9)
- Grand Mesa penstemon (9)
- Moon Carrot (9)

Bulbs:

- Blue Snow Iris (50)
- Deep Blue Grape Hyacinth (50)
- Species Tulip 'Bright Gem' or 'Bronze Charm' (50)
- Lipstick Tulip 'Tinka' or 'Cynthia' (50)



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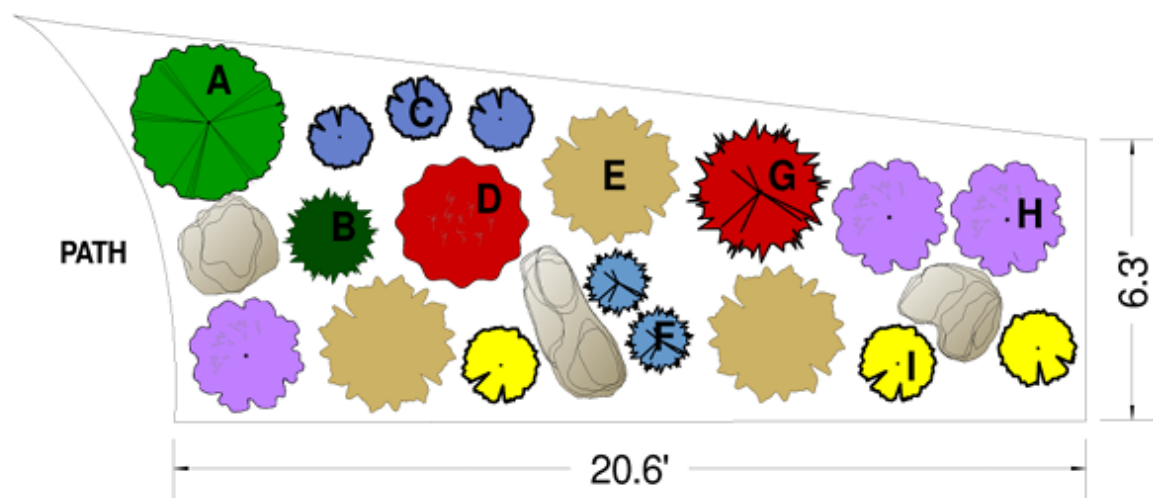


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DRIVEWAY XERISCAPE BORDER

This garden is loaded with color and texture, interweaving silver foliage with the soft feathery seed heads of blue grama grass. Attractive from all sides, your neighbors can enjoy it as well. Included are long blooming and ever-green plants providing four-season interest. Chocolate flower is placed near the sidewalk for passers-by to enjoy the lush fragrance. They, along with Colorado desert blue star and dwarf pinyon pine, are nestled up against moss rock. The garden is a pollinator habitat, attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds. All plants are sun-loving and drought tolerant once established and will do best in a well-drained soil.



SIMPLE PLANT LIST:

- A. Fernbush (1)
- B. Dwarf pinyon pine (1)
- C. LITTLE TRUDY® catmint (3)
- D. VERMILION BLUFFS® Mexican sage (1) -or- Red yucca
- E. Blonde Ambition blue grama grass (3)
- F. Colorado desert blue star (2)
- G. Red yucca (1)
- H. Mojave sage (3)

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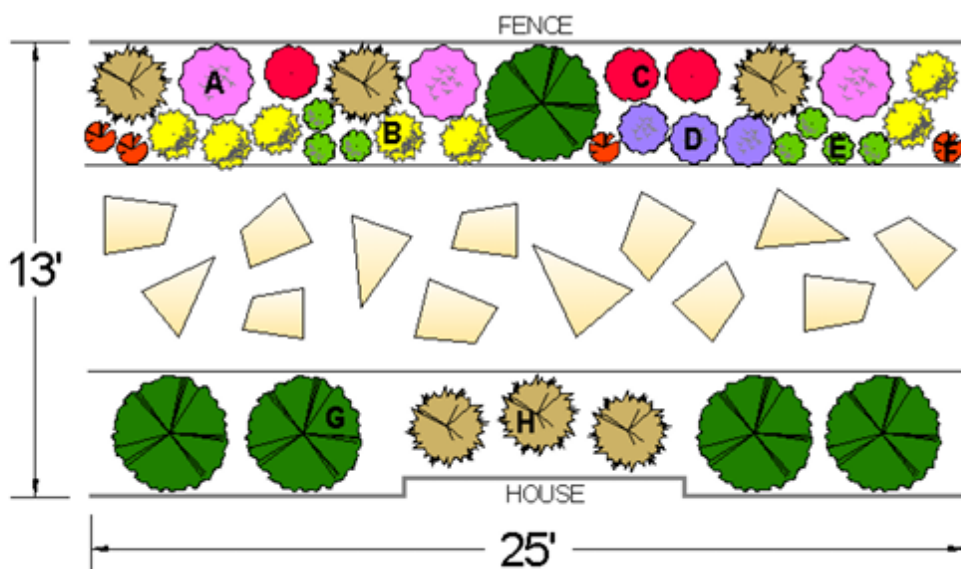


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BETWEEN THE HOUSES GARDEN

Shady areas are often the most difficult to design for in the West. This garden is loaded with bold color and is perfect for areas between two homes in a north-south facing location, or a border that only receives dappled shade. Ideally, the garden should receive at least 3-4 hours of sunlight. Most of the plants are adaptable to many soil types and handle dry conditions once established. Denver Gold® columbine and Snow Angel coral bells perform best with some extra water during dry spells. The coral bells and viburnum thrive in loamy soil - amendments should be added to clay soils at planting time.



SIMPLE PLANT LIST:

- A. Cashmere sage (3)
- B. DENVER GOLD® columbine (7)
- C. Red birds in a tree (3)
- D. SHADOW MOUNTAIN® penstemon (3)
- E. Snow Angel coral bells (7)
- F. Hummingbird trumpet mint (4)
- G. Mini Man™ dwarf Manchurian viburnum (5)
- H. Korean feather reed grass (6)

Once established, fill in any empty spaces with Corsican violet.

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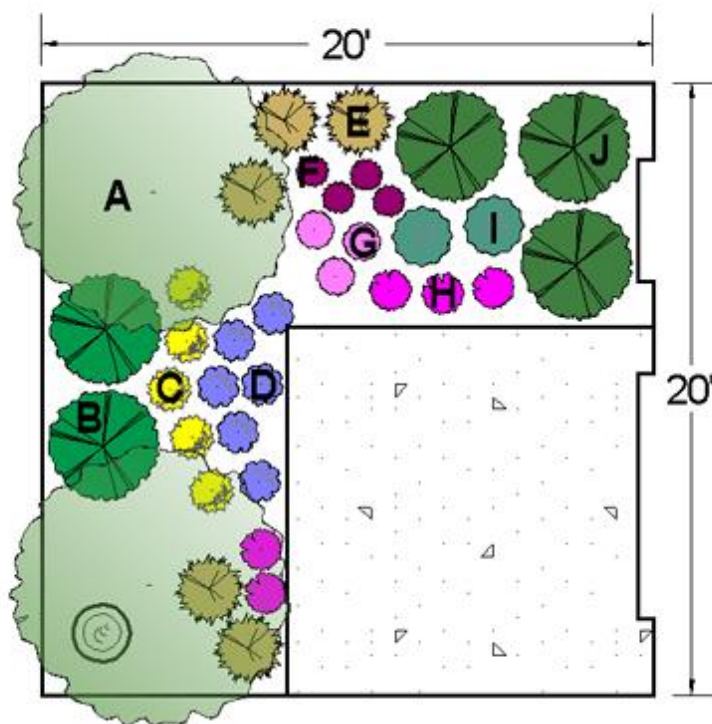
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FRAGRANT COURTYARD GARDEN

This design is reminiscent of a cottage garden and will give your courtyard year-round interest with trees, shrubs, grasses, vines and perennials. The flowers of the daphne and dianthus, along with the seven-son-flower tree, are wonderfully fragrant and will delight you and your guests with a succession of bloom from spring to fall.

All of the plants in this design thrive in full sun to partial shade. Loam soil is best with moderate to dry watering conditions. For smaller courtyards, simply reduce the number of each plant.



SIMPLE PLANT LIST:

- A. Seven-son-flower (2)
- B. MINI MAN™ dwarf Manchurian viburnum (2)
- C. DENVER GOLD® columbine (5)
- D. MONGOLIAN BELLS® clematis (6)
- E. Korean feather reed grass (5)
- F. WINDWALKER® Garnet penstemon (4)
- G. SPANISH PEAKS® foxglove (3)
- H. FIRST LOVE® dianthus (5)
- I. Dalmatian daisy (2)
- J. Carol Mackie daphne (3)

Additional plants:

Plant annual Ruby Moon hyacinth bean (vine) along the fence behind the shrubs. When trees get large and produce more shade, underplant with mountain lover, oxlip primrose and Corsican violet, if desired.

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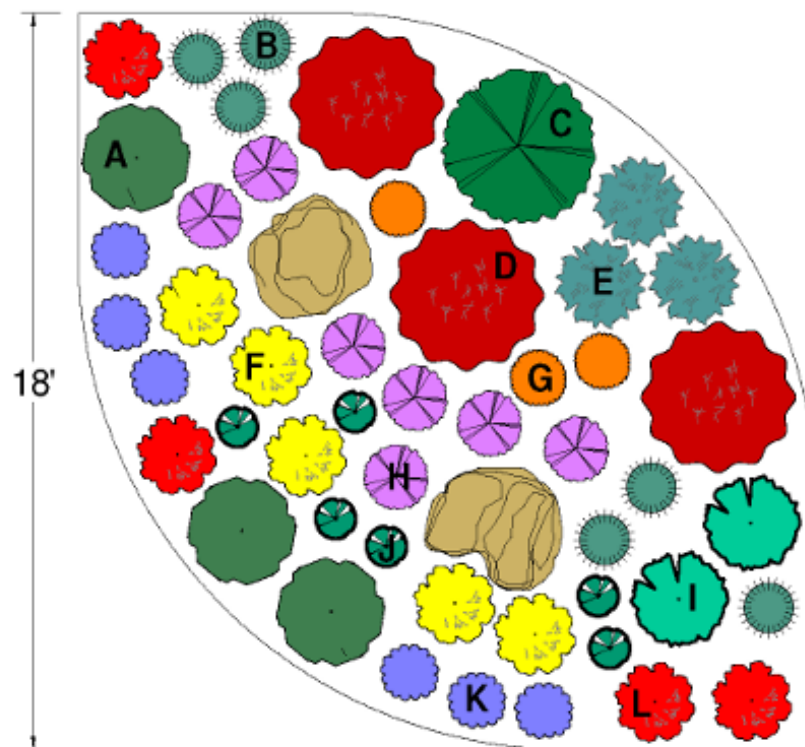
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CORNER LOT CURB APPEAL

Big and bold describes this garden for corner lots. Full of color, texture and continuous bloom, it is sure to be a 4-season stunner.

This is a garden that can be enjoyed from the home as well as the street.

All of the plants in this design are waterwise once established and require very little care. Give it full sun, and enjoy the seasonal beauty this garden will provide.



SIMPLE PLANT LIST:

- A. Avalanche sun daisy (3)
- B. Standing Ovation little bluestem (6)
- C. Fernbush (1)
- D. WINDWALKER® royal red salvia (3)
- E. WINDWALKER® big bluestem (3)
- F. KANNAH CREEK® buckwheat (5)
- G. CORONADO® hyssop (3)
- H. SHADOW MOUNTAIN® penstemon (7)
- I. Curly leaf sea kale (2)
- J. Turquoise Tails blue sedum (6)
- K. LITTLE TRUDY® catmint (6)
- L. RED MOUNTAIN® Flame ice plant (4)

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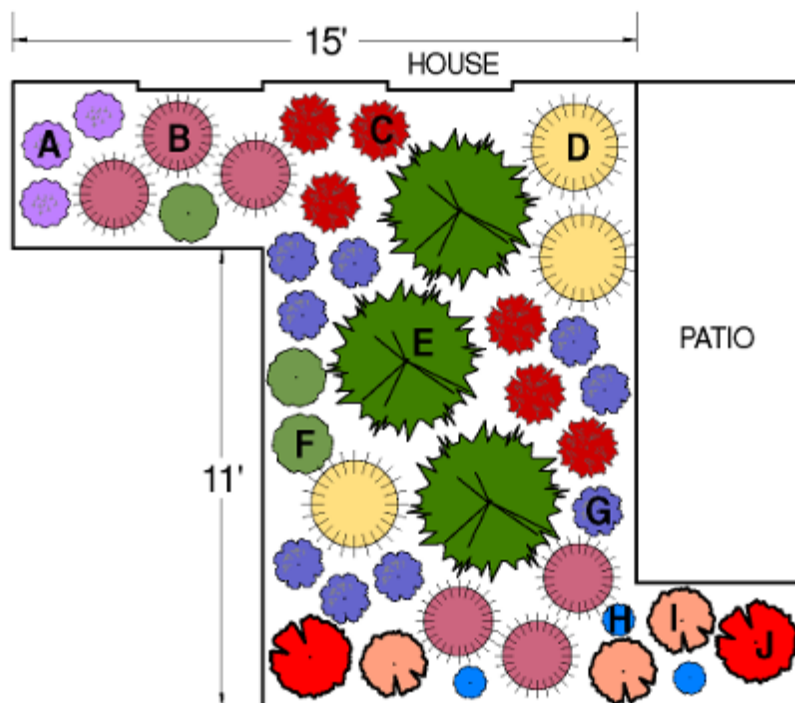
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NO-LOW MAINTENANCE PATIO GARDEN

Imagine sitting on your backyard patio and gazing out at this beautiful garden. Designed for virtually no- to low-maintenance, you can relax knowing that it will pretty much take care of itself. It's full of long-season color and texture and the varying heights give a nice sense of enclosure to your patio.

All of the plants in this design grow in full to partial sun. They are adaptable to a wide range of soil types (with good drainage) and moderate to dry watering conditions.



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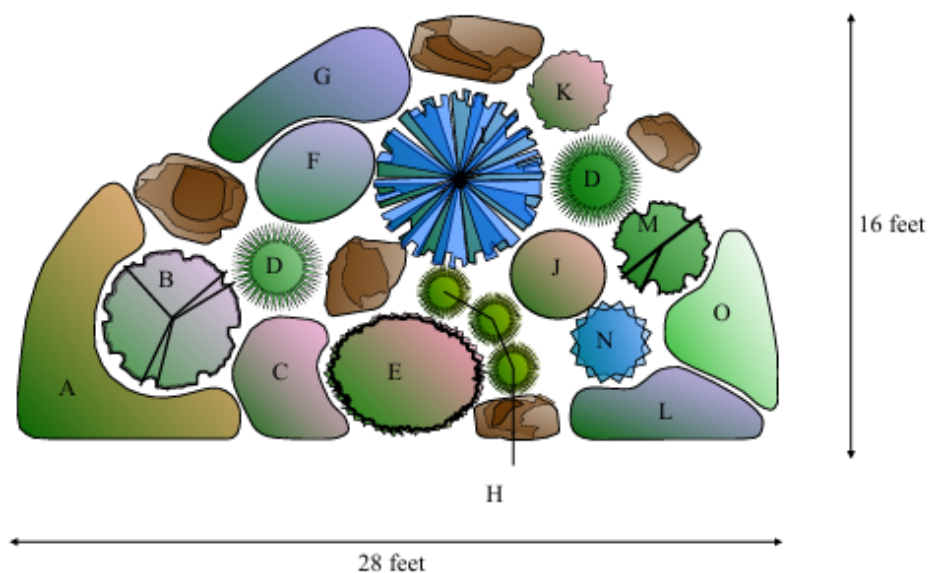
- A. Purple winter savory (3)
- B. UNDAUNTED® ruby muhly (6)
- C. CORONADO® red hyssop (6)
- D. Blonde Ambition blue grama grass (3)
- E. Fernbush (3)
- F. Golden storksbill (3)
- G. LITTLE TRUDY® catmint (9)
- H. Cape-forget-me-not (3)
- I. Alan's Apricot ice plant (3)
- J. RED MOUNTAIN® Flame ice plant (2)

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ROCK GARDEN

This raised xeriscape garden is in full sun and visible from all sides. The boulders, native grasses and "evergreen" plants, Bluestem Joint Fir, Mock Bearberry and Parry's Century Plant, give this garden plenty of winter texture and interest. A native Cowboy's Delight (*Sphaeralcea coccinea*) meanders thru the garden. Spring bulbs of Tete A Tete Daffodils, Crocus, and small species tulips add extra bloom time, and TABLE MOUNTAIN® ice plant will bloom in November on our warm 'Indian Summer' days.



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- A. **ORANGE CARPET®** Hummingbird Trumpet -or- 'Angelina' Sedum
- B. **PAWNEE BUTTES®** Sand Cherry -or- 'Powis Castle' Artemisia
- C. **TABLE MOUNTAIN®** Ice Plant -or- **MESA VERDE®** Ice Plant
- D. Stipa Feather Grass -or- Blue Oat Grass
- E. 'Winter Glow' Prickly Pear Cactus -or- Colorado hedgehog cactus
- F. Variegated Iris -or- German Iris
- G. **Corsican Violet** -or- **COLORADO GOLD®** Gazania
- H. Colorado Blue Grama Grass -or- 'Boulder Blue' Blue Fescue
- I. **Bluestem Joint Fir** -or- **SPANISH GOLD®** Broom
- J. **RED ROCKS®** Penstemon -or- Rocky Mountain Penstemon
- K. **MONGOLIAN BELLS®** Clematis -or- Furman's Red Sage
- L. **Turkish Veronica** -or- **CRYSTAL RIVER®** Veronica
- M. **Mock Bearberry** Manzanita -or- Crimson Pygmy Barberry
- N. Parry's Century Plant -or- Pale-leaf Yucca
- O. Lamb's Ear 'Helene von Stein' (Big Ears) -or- Sea Foam Artemisia