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↑ Pump up the palette

By summer, plant compositions in the shade garden often primarily consist of foliage. Combine different shades of green—from bright chartreuse to dark burgundy—to create lively combinations that are both visually stimulating and eye-catching.

- A** **Hosta** *Hosta* 'Inniswood' Perennial; lavender flowers in summer above large, puckered, chartreuse to yellow leaves with a narrow deep green margin; part sun to full shade; 2 to 3 ft. tall, 2 to 4 ft. wide; cold hardy in USDA zones 3 to 8
- B** **Hosta** *Hosta* 'Guardian Angel' Perennial; purple flowers in summer above large ruffled blue-green leaves with a splash of ivory down the center; part sun to full shade; 18 to 24 in. tall, 36 to 48 in. wide; cold hardy in USDA zones 3 to 9

- C** **Coral bells** *Heuchera* 'Southern Comfort' Perennial; creamy dainty spikes of white flowers in summer above cinnamoney to burnished copper leaves; full sun to part shade; 12 to 18 in. tall, 18 to 24 in. wide; cold hardy in USDA zones 4 to 9
- D** **Japanese painted fern** *Athyrium* 'Ghost' Perennial; silver-green fronds with deep purple midribs; part to full shade; 18 to 24 in. tall, 15 to 18 in. wide; cold hardy in USDA zones 4 to 9
- E** **Coral bells** *Heuchera* 'Black Out' Perennial; ivory-white flowers in early summer above shiny charcoal-black green leaves; full sun to part shade; 6 to 9 in. tall, 9 to 12 in. wide; cold hardy in USDA zones 4 to 9



Beauty by Season

Of this planting, the junipers provide the multiseason muscle, which means they make a year-round backdrop for the statue. But cherry-red dianthus flowers and bright yellow cape daisies, when planted as annuals in midspring, start off the blooming season. Both plants flower best in cooler weather, so plant the cape daisies as early as possible in spring. Deadhead spent flowers to extend their bloom time; they might bloom less in the heat of summer but they'll fill out again as temperatures cool in fall.

The rest of the flowering perennials are stars of summer, and their bloom period will overlap just right with the rose of Sharon, whose flashy purple-pink blooms start in midsummer and last until frost. Unlike other varieties, Purple Pillar is very narrow and grows quite tall. Prune to shape in early spring to keep it on the shorter side. The clematis blooms on old and new wood and needs very little pruning as well.

Now go pack a corner of your garden with a season of sensational color! 🌸

—Chloe Deike

- A Bellflower** *Campanula carpatica* 'Blue Clips' Perennial; blue cup-shaped flowers in summer; full sun to part shade; 6 to 8 in. tall, 8 to 12 in. wide; cold hardy in USDA zones 4 to 8 **Number to plant: 14**
- B Coreopsis** *Coreopsis* Star Cluster Perennial; white blooms with magenta centers in early summer to fall; full sun; 18 to 24 in. tall and wide; cold hardy in USDA zones 5 to 9 **Number to plant: 2**
- C Rose of Sharon** *Hibiscus syriacus* Purple Pillar® Shrub; purple-pink flowers with deep pink centers summer through fall; full sun; 10 to 16 ft. tall, 2 to 3 ft. wide; cold hardy in USDA zones 5 to 9 **Number to plant: 2**
- D Coneflower** *Echinacea purpurea* 'Tiki Torch' Perennial; pumpkin orange flowers in summer; full sun; 24 to 36 in. tall, 18 to 24 in. wide; cold hardy in USDA zones 3 to 9 **Number to plant: 4**
- E Spike blazing star** *Liatris spicata* 'Kobold' Perennial; deep purple spikes in mid- to late summer; full sun; 18 to 24 in. tall, 12 to 18 in. wide; cold hardy in USDA zones 4 to 9 **Number to plant: 5**
- F Cape daisy** *Osteospermum* 'Lemon Symphony' Tender perennial; yellow with purple-blue centers in spring and fall; full sun to part shade; 8 to 14 in. tall, 12 to 14 in. wide; cold hardy in USDA zones 9 to 11 **Number to plant: 9**
- G Dianthus** *Dianthus* 'Black Cherry Frost' Perennial; red flowers with pink edges in early summer and again in fall; full sun to part shade; 8 to 10 in. tall, 12 to 14 in. wide; cold hardy in USDA zones 4 to 9 **Number to plant: 11**
- H Juniper** *Juniperus communis* 'Compressa' Shrub; narrow, conical habit with blue-green evergreen needles that turn coppery in fall and winter; full sun; 2 to 6 ft. tall, 1 to 2 ft. wide; cold hardy in USDA zones 3 to 6 **Number to plant: 2**
- I Daylily** *Hemerocallis* 'Ruby Spider' Perennial; large red flowers with yellow centers in early summer to fall; full sun to part shade; 18 to 24 in. tall and wide; cold hardy in USDA zones 3 to 9 **Number to plant: 2**
- J Clematis** *Clematis* 'Niobe' Perennial; large deep red flowers in late spring to fall; full sun to part shade; 8 to 12 ft. tall, 6 to 10 ft. wide; cold hardy in USDA zones 4 to 9 **Number to plant: 2**