

COLOR SOLUTIONS



## 13 Essential Cottage Garden Plants (Z: 3 – 7)

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We showed you all the fun ways to design your own cottage garden. Now it's time to fill it with fun, useful, fragrant, flowery, cool plants! Here are thirteen we highly recommend that range from shrubs for structure to edibles for...well, for eating out of hand. Enjoy.

(Plant zones often overlap—please check out the companion post for zones 8 – 11. [Link here.](#))

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### Ruby Star Coneflower

(Above—in front) The bright purple-pink, daisy-like flowers on sturdy stems make great cut flowers. Full sun. Zone: 4 – 9



**Thriller Lady's Mantle**  
Zone: 3 – 9

A cottage garden must have for the shapely foliage and sprightly, chartreuse flowers. Super easy to grow. Partial to full sun.



**Becky Shasta Daisy**  
Zone: 4 – 9

A go-to cottage perennial (and cut flower), Becky forms a tidy mass covered in sunny-centered white blooms. Full sun.



**Raspberry Shortcake®Raspberry**  
Zone: 4 – 9

Every cottage garden needs a berry plant or two. This thornless one thrives in patio container and in the landscape. Full sun.



**Whetman Stars™ Stargazer Pink**  
Zone: 4 – 9

Heat-tolerant, long-blooming with fragrant, fringed flowers with a deep maroon eye, carried on sturdy stems. Full sun.



**Walker's Low Catmint**  
Zone: 4 – 9

Few plants so reliably soften the edge of a bed, border or container. This one's shorter and more compact. Partial to full sun.



**Everydailily Pink Wing Daylily**  
Zone: 4 – 10

Hardy, blooms early and steadily all season. When the garden begins to wane in August, count on this for color. Partial to full sun.



**Blue Hydrangea® Hydrangea**  
Zone: 4 – 9

The fun of a cottage garden is cut flowers. Hydrangea are a must have (this has black stems)! Partial shade to partial sun.



**Faulkner Boxwood**  
Zone: 5 – 9

Brings order to the cottage garden! Faulkner is dwarf and slower growing—perfect for a tidy hedge. Partial to full sun.



**Munstead Lavender**  
Zone: 5 – 9

A classic! Munstead is lower growing so it's good to edge a bed, but has those famously fragrant flower spikes. Full sun.



**Tutti Frutti Apricot Delight**  
Yarrow  
Zone: 4 – 9

Brings on the butterflies, blooms in the dog days, nice fragrance, lovely cut flower. Has it all. This one tolerates humidity. Full



**Blue Spires Rosemary**  
Zone: 6 – 10

There are many to choose, but if you're in the zone, you need a rosemary. Adds structure (and the fragrance!). Full sun.



**Blue Mirror Delphinium**  
Zone: 3 – 7

Lucky you cold zoners! Tall flower spikes are critical to a cottage garden, adding vertical interest. Partial to full sun.

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