

in the garden BY STEPHEN AND KRISTIN PATEGAS

Continuous Bloom Color



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Having a continuous display of color in the garden is a cinch with careful plant selection and proper planting. Once you have matched the plants to the conditions they will experience in your garden, determine their bloom color and season of color.

When selecting colors we keep these principles in mind:

- Colors influence our sense of temperature. We may feel a difference of

five to seven degrees in temperature between a blue-green room and a red-orange room.

- Yellows, reds and oranges may be combined to create a "warm" mixture that creates excitement. Known as advancing colors, they attract the eye, make objects seem closer and visually shrink a space.

- A "cool" mixture of blues, purples and greens creates a setting for relaxation. Known as receding colors, they make objects seem farther away and visually expand a space.

- Extreme contrast is obtained from complementary colors (opposite each other on the color wheel) such as orange and blue (Go Gators!), yellow and purple, and red and green.

- Medium contrast is found among the colors from the triad color interval



Orange plume flowers continuously during warm weather.

(any three colors equidistant-distance apart on the color wheel). For example: yellow and blue, red and yellow, red and blue, orange and green or purple and green.

- Analogous colors, which are neighboring hues that all share one color, provide low contrast. Some combinations include: yellow, yellow-green and green or orange, orange-red and red or green, blue-green and blue.

- The use of white or silver/gray neutralizes strong contrasts. They help visually blend colors together.

- Brighter colors such as yellow, white and the pastels shine in shady areas

To achieve non-stop color at a variety of levels look for a combination of trees, shrubs, vines, groundcovers, perennials/bulbs and annuals. Many of the flowering plants listed below are described at www.PategaiOnPlants.com. Design with pergolas, trellises, arbors, arches, obelisks, tuteurs and containers, including hanging baskets, to stretch the color from ground to sky. 🌿



Our trellis is smothered under the highly fragrant pink jasmine.

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TREES

- Loquat/Eriobotrya japonica
- Crape myrtle/ Lagerstroemia indica (colors vary)
- Southern magnolia/Magnolia grandiflora
- Flatwoods plum/Prunus umbellata
- Golden trumpet tree/Tabebuia chrysostricha
- Pink trumpet tree/Tabebuia impetiginosa
- Shoal Creek chaste tree/Vitex agnus-castus 'Shoal Creek'

SHRUBS

- Bush allamanda/Allamanda schottii

- Camellia/Camellia japonica/sasanqua (colors vary)
- Golden jasmine/Cestrum aurantiacum
- Thryallis/Galphimia gracilis
- Gardenia/Gardenia augusta
- Firebush/Hamelia patens
- Oakleaf hydrangea/Hydrangea quercifolia
- Jacobinea/Justicia carnea
- Orange plume/Justicia spicigera
- Plumbago auriculata
- Yellow elder/Tecoma stans 'Yellow Bells'
- Yellow alder/Turnera ulmifolia
- Walter's viburnum/Viburnum obovatum dwarf species

GROUNDCOVERS

- Lily of the Nile/Agapanthus africanus
- Perennial peanut/Arachis glabrata
- White African iris/Dietes vegeta
- Lantana/Lantana species (colors vary)
- Regina walking iris/Neomarica caerulea 'Regina'

VINES

- Allamanda/Allamanda carthartica
- Cross vine/Bignonia capreolata
- Pink jasmine/Jasminum polyanthum
- Coral honeysuckle/Lonicera sempervirens
- Amethyst passion flower/Passiflora x 'Amethyst'/'Lavender Lady'

PERENNIALS/BULBS

- Silky Gold milkweed/Asclepias curassavica 'Silky Gold'
- Blue daze/Evolvulus glomeratus
- Indian blanket/Gaillardia pulchella
- Amaryllis/Hippeastrum species (colors vary)
- Cat's whiskers/Orthosiphon stamineus
- Pentas/Pentas species (colors vary)
- Salvia/ Salvia species (colors vary)
- Rain lily/Zephyranthes species (colors vary)

ANNUALS

- Alyssum (colors vary)
- Celosia (colors vary)
- Dahlberg daisy
- Dianthus (colors vary)
- Pansy (colors vary)
- Petunia (colors vary)
- Salvia (colors vary)
- Snapdragon (colors vary)