



## Small Space Cut Flowers

PNW • YEAR ROUND

# Four Seasons: The Small Space Cutting Garden

Woodinville Garden Grouplet — A complete plant list, seasonal calendar & layout guide for 18 sq ft of blooms

## A ANNUALS

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| <b>Zinnias</b><br>Heat lover. Direct sow May-Jun.   | Jul-Frost |
| <b>Cosmos</b><br>'Rubenza' or 'Double Click' series.  | Jun-Frost |
| <b>Sweet Peas</b> ★<br>Sow Oct OR Feb. Trellis. Fragrant.   | Apr-Jun   |
| <b>Larkspur</b><br>Direct sow fall. Cool-season spires.   | May-Jun   |
| <b>Scabiosa</b><br>Pincushion. Deadhead to rebloom.   | Jun-Sep   |
| <b>Celosia</b><br>Velvety plumes. Fresh + dried.  | Jul-Oct   |
| <b>Snapdragons</b><br>Cool-season — best spring & early summer in PNW. Start indoors Feb. Cut when lowest blooms open.            | May-Jul   |
| <b>Sunflowers (branching)</b><br>Multi-stem varieties like 'Velvet Queen' or 'Pro Cut' series. One plant = many stems all season. | Jul-Sep   |
| <b>Frosted Explosion Grass</b><br>Airy, cloud-like seed heads. Stunning filler and texture. Direct sow May. Dries beautifully.    | Jul-Frost |

## P PERENNIALS

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| <b>Hellebores</b> ★<br>Blooms Jan-Apr. Condition overnight.  | Jan-Apr    |
| <b>Peonies</b> ★<br>Worth 2-yr wait. Amazing vase life.  | May-Jun    |
| <b>Yarrow</b><br>Fresh or dried. Long vase life.   | Jun-Sep    |
| <b>Dusty Miller</b><br>Silver foliage filler. Stunning contrast with bright blooms. Drought tolerant once established.     | Year-round |
| <b>Japanese Anemone</b><br>Elegant nodding flowers. Fills the late summer to fall gap beautifully. Spreads happily in PNW. | Aug-Oct    |
| <b>Sage (Salvia)</b><br>Both culinary and ornamental types cut well. Deadhead for repeat bloom. Good vertical filler.      | Jun-Sep    |
| <b>Lavender</b><br>'Hidcote' or 'Munstead' for PNW. Cut as buds open. Excellent fresh and dried. Fragrant filler.          | Jun-Jul    |
| <b>Heirloom Mums</b><br>Hardy perennial mums return each year. Cut when 1/3 of florets open. Perfect fall cutting flower.  | Sep-Oct    |

## B BULBS

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| <b>Daffodils (Narcissus)</b><br>Plant Oct-Nov. Naturalizes year to year. Condition separately — sap is toxic to other stems. | Mar-Apr   |
| <b>Leucojum (Snowflake)</b><br>Delicate white bells with green tips. Naturalizes beautifully. Later-blooming than snowdrops. | Apr-May   |
| <b>Ranunculus</b> ★<br>Plant Oct-Nov! PNW winters allow it.  | Mar-May   |
| <b>Anemones</b><br>Plant Oct-Nov with ranunculus.  | Mar-May   |
| <b>Tulips</b><br>Darwin Hybrid for tallest stems.  | Apr-May   |
| <b>Alliums</b><br>Plant Oct. Good fresh + dried.   | May-Jun   |
| <b>Camassia</b><br>Native PNW! Blue-violet. Naturalizes.   | Apr-May   |
| <b>Dahlias</b> ★<br>PNW superstar. Peak September. 1 tuber = 40+ stems.  | Jul-Frost |
| <b>Gladiolus</b><br>Succession plant every 2 weeks Apr.  | Jul-Sep   |

## S WOODY STEMS

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| <b>Rosemary</b><br>Fragrant foliage filler year-round. Blooms late winter in PNW. Evergreen structure.  | Year-round |
| <b>Winter Daphne</b> ★<br>Intensely fragrant pink/white flowers. One stem scents a room. Cut just as buds begin to open.                                | Feb-Mar    |
| <b>Sweet Box (Sarcococca)</b><br>Tiny white flowers, extraordinary scent. Evergreen. <i>S. ruscifolia</i> or <i>S. hookeriana</i> var. <i>humilis</i> . | Jan-Feb    |
| <b>Pieris 'Cavatine' / 'Little Heath'</b><br>Pendulous lily-of-the-valley-like clusters. Compact dwarf varieties ideal for small spaces.                | Feb-Apr    |

## Key Tips for PNW Success

### Harvest technique

Cut in early morning with clean, sharp snips. Bring a bucket of water to the garden. Re-cut stems at an angle in warm water indoors.

### Lasagna bulb method

Layer tulips deep (6"), alliums mid (4"), anemones shallow (2") in the same spot. Three seasons of bloom from one patch.

### Succession sowing

Sow zinnias & cosmos every 3 weeks, May-Jun. Stagger gladiolus planting every 2 weeks. Continuous cutting all season.

### Dahlia tuber savings

Dig and store tubers each fall. One tuber becomes 3-6 per year. Within 2 seasons you'll be giving them away!

### Think vertically

A trellis on one end adds effective growing space & keeps sweet peas, larkspur & cosmos upright. Essential in a small bed.

### Work with PNW winters

Our mild, wet winters are an asset. Plant ranunculus & anemones in October — they'll bloom beautifully in early spring.

## Year-Round Bloom Calendar — What to Cut Each Season in the PNW

### WINTER

December •  
January • February

Sarcococca •  
Daphne • Pieris •  
Hellebores •  
Rosemary • Dried  
seed heads •  
Evergreen foliage

*Sarcococca and  
Daphne  
perfume the  
whole house  
from just a few  
stems!*

### SPRING

March • April • May

Ranunculus •  
Anemones •  
Tulips • Daffodils  
• Alliums •  
Camassia •  
Peonies •  
Larkspur • Sweet  
peas •  
Snapdragons

*PNW's finest  
season —  
ranunculus  
planted in fall  
bloom like  
magic!*

### SUMMER

June • July • August

Dahlias • Zinnias  
• Cosmos •  
Gladiolus •  
Scabiosa • Yarrow  
• Lavender •  
Sunflowers •  
Frosted Explosion  
Grass

*Dahlias peak in  
September.  
Harvest in early  
morning for  
best vase life.*

### FALL

September •  
October •  
November

Dahlias • Cosmos  
• Zinnias •  
Japanese  
Anemone •  
Heirloom Mums •  
Celosia • Dusty  
Miller

*Dahlias often  
go until  
November in  
the PNW —  
don't dig too  
early!*