**SITE:** backyard pond  
**CONDITIONS:** wetter and more shade

- **Helpful hints:**
  - for a more contemplative surrounding, less is more – keep things simple in terms of colors and different kinds of plants.

- **PLANT ALTERNATIVES:**
  - **wetter and more sun**
    - **Short:**
      - Turtlehead
      - Pink coreopsis
      - Golden alexanders
    - **Medium:**
      - Little joe pye weed
      - Blazing star
      - Blue lobelia
      - Swamp milkweed
    - **Tall:**
      - Bee balm
      - New England aster
      - New York Ironweed
      - Culver’s root
      - Winterberry (small variety like ‘sprite’)
      - Meadowsweet

**PLANTS:**
- **Short:**
  - Lady fern
- **Medium:**
  - Blue flag iris
  - Royal fern
  - Cardinal flower
- **Tall:**
  - Goat’s beard
  - Clethra (small garden variety like ‘hummingbird’)

**Color palette:**
- Green
- Blue
- Purple
- Red
- Orange

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**CONTAINER GARDEN**

**Helpful hints:**
- Containers are versatile for small yards and can be placed alone or in groups.
- Containers are often planted with a tall plant, as well as a plant that fills the pot and one that spills over the brim. These varying heights are attractive, but you can also use a single plant for good effect.

**PLANT ALTERNATIVES:**
*more sun*
- Spilling:
  - Barren strawberry
  - Wine cups
- Filler:
  - Pink tickseed
  - Heuchera Dale’s strain
- Tall:
  - Little blue stem
  - Ostrich fern

*more shade*
- Spilling:
  - Heuchera Dale’s strain
  - Wine cups
- Filler:
  - Pink tickseed
  - Little blue stem
- Tall:
  - Ostrich fern
  - Heuchera Dale’s strain

- Pots should have drainage holes in the bottom and be deep enough for root growth and wide enough so that plants aren’t overly crowded.
- Large pots work best, but make sure they aren’t too heavy (if you have a balcony). Add wheels to pots to be able to move them around easily.

**PLANTS:**
*more sun*
- Spilling:
  - Barren strawberry
  - Wine cups
- Filler:
  - Pink tickseed
  - Heuchera Dale’s strain
- Tall:
  - Little blue stem
  - Ostrich fern

*more shade*
- Spilling:
  - Barren strawberry
- Filler/Spilling:
  - Prickly pear cactus
- Filler:
  - Nodding onion
  - Dwarf crested iris
  - Snowy aster
- Tall:
  - Black-eyed susan
  - Spotted bee balm
  - Penstemon
  - Garden phlox
  - Little lemon golderod

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MAILBOX GARDEN

SITE: roadside mailbox
CONDITIONS: drier and more sun

COLOR palette:

Helpful hints:
- use plants that will tolerate and thrive in the conditions you have.
- start with planting the big stuff first. Account for full size when planting and spacing. Then plant the smaller stuff.

PLANT ALTERNATIVES:
drier and more shade

Short:
Canada anemone
Green and gold
Alumroot

Medium:
Golden alexanders

Tall:
Sneezeweed

wetter and more sun

Short:
Black-eyed susan

Medium:
Golden alexanders

Tall:
Blazing star
Summer phlox

wetter and more shade

Short:
Maidenhair fern
Canada anemone
Foam flower

Medium:
Lady fern
Royal fern
Golden alexanders

Tall:
Sneezeweed

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HELPFUL HINTS:
- Water should be directed away from the house foundation.
- Use a garden hose to lay out a natural looking garden border.
- For less weeding, use plants that grow in clumps.
- Massed plants that bloom at the same time will make a better showing. But you also want to incorporate other plants that bloom other times of the year.
- Inspiration can come from local surroundings. Using native plants and even local stones in your yard space creates harmony between garden and local area.

PLANT ALTERNATIVES:

**Short:**
- Maidenhair fern
- Golden ragwort

**Medium:**
- Blue lobelia
- Turtlehead
- Little Joe Pye

**Tall:**
- Goat’s beard
- Black cohosh

COLOR PALETTE:
- Blue
- Purple
- Green
- Pink
- Brown

SITE: building corner

CONDITIONS: wetter and more sun
(best on east, west or north side of building)

1 block = 1 ft.$^2$

PLANTS:

- **Short:** Fox sedge
- **Medium:**
  - Blue lobelia
  - Turtlehead
  - Little Joe Pye
- **Tall:** Blazing Star

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FRONT PORCH GARDEN

Helpful hints:
- use plants that aren’t so tall that they obscure the view from your porch.

SITE: front porch  CONDITIONS: wetter and more shade

PLANT ALTERNATIVES:

**drier and more shade**

**Short:**
- Canada anenome
- Green and gold
- Alumroot
- Allegheny pachysandra

**Medium:**
- Bottlebrush Grass

**Tall:**
- Sneezeweed

**drier and more sun**

**Short:**
- Nodding Onion
- Butterfly weed
- Threadleaf coreopsis
- Alumroot
- Sundrops

**Medium:**
- New Jersey tea (small shrub)
- Sweet fern (small shrub)
- Blue star amsonia
- Oxeye daisy
- Beardtongue penstemon

**Tall:**
- Anise hyssop
- Blue false indigo
- Grey-headed Coneflower
- Little bluestem

**wetter and more sun**

**Short:**
- Dwarf fothergilla (small shrub)
- Canada anemone
- Pink coreopsis
- Wild geranium

**Medium:**
- Meadowsweet (small shrub)
- Swamp milkweed
- Great blue lobelia

**Tall:**
- Beebalm
- Cardinal flower

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CORNER GARDEN

Helpful hints:
- consider planting attractive gardens in places that are visible from the windows of your home.
- plant along fences to make your yard look more spacious. Plants will soften the boundary line and make it look less severe.
- make sure plants growing under windows are low enough that they don’t grow over the window.
- select plants based on the sun and moisture conditions you have.

PLANT ALTERNATIVES:

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PLANTS:

Short:
- Prairie dropseed
- Nodding onion
- Sundrops

Medium:
- Threadleaf coreopsis
- Blue false amsonia

Tall:
- Purple coneflower
- Blue false indigo
- Grey-headed coneflower
- Little bluestem

Wetter and more shade

Short:
- Maidenhair fern
- Solomon’s seal
- Canada anemone
- Bleeding heart

Medium:
- Great blue lobelia
- Royal fern

Tall:
- Goat’s beard
- Clethra (small variety like ‘hummingbird’)
- Black Cohosh

Wetter and more sun

Short:
- Pink Coreopsis
- Wild geranium

Medium:
- Dwarf fothergilla (small shrub)
- Meadowsweet (small shrub)

Tall:
- Sneezeweed
- Blazing Star
- Summer Phlox

1 block = 1 ft.²

Color palette:

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