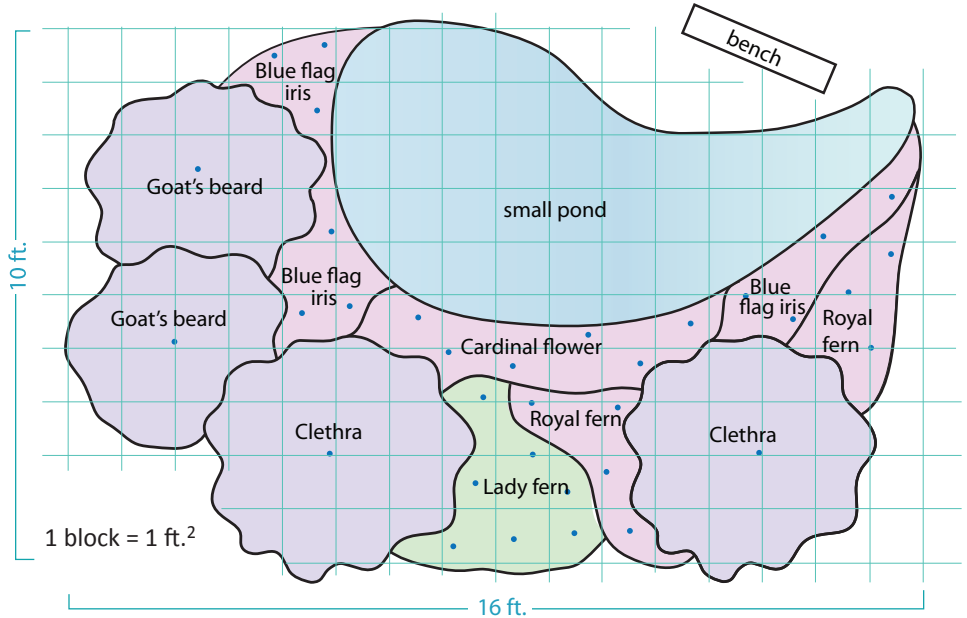
SMALL WATER FEATURE GARDEN

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



Color palette:

PLANTS:

Short:
Lady fern

Medium:
Blue flag iris
Royal fern
Cardinal flower

Tall:
Goat's beard
Clethra (small garden variety like 'hummingbird')

Cardinal flower

Blue flag iris

Clethra

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

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CONTAINER GARDEN

Helpful hints:

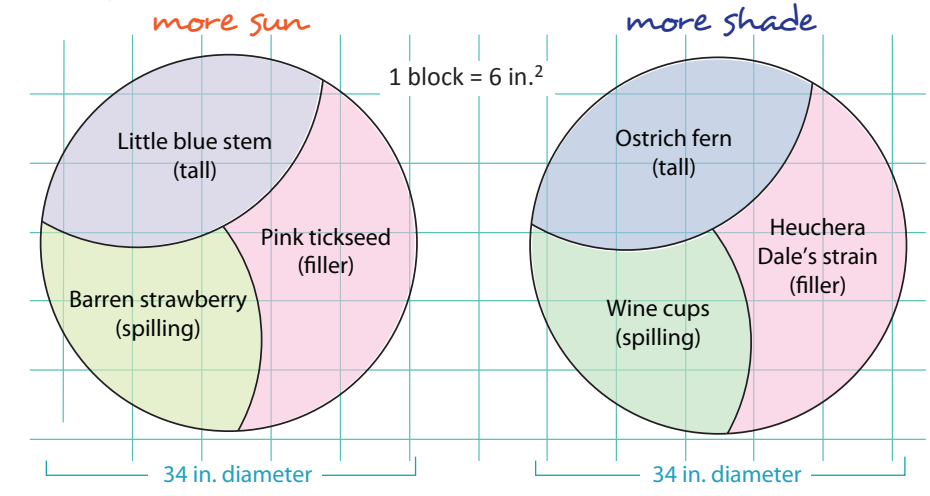
- containers are versatile for small yards and can be placed alone or in groups.

- 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.

- 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.

CONDITIONS:



Color palette:

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PLANTS:

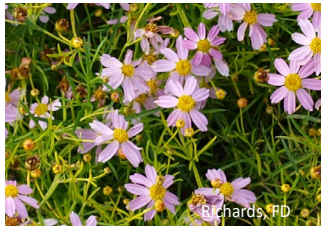
Spilling:
Barren strawberry
Wine cups

Filler:
Pink tickseed
Heuchera Dale's strain

Tall:
Little blue stem
Ostrich fern

Little bluestem

Pink tickseed



Barren strawberry

PLANT ALTERNATIVES:

(use alone or in combination)

more sun

Filler/Spilling:
Prairie dropseed
Prickly pear cactus

Filler:
Nodding onion
Dwarf crested iris
Snowy aster

Tall:
Black-eyed susan
Spotted beebalm
Penstemon
Garden phlox
Little lemon golderod

more shade

Spilling:
Moss phlox

Filler/Spilling:
Prickly pear cactus

Filler:
Maidenhair fern
Stone crop
Most Heucheras

Tall:
Bottlebrush grass

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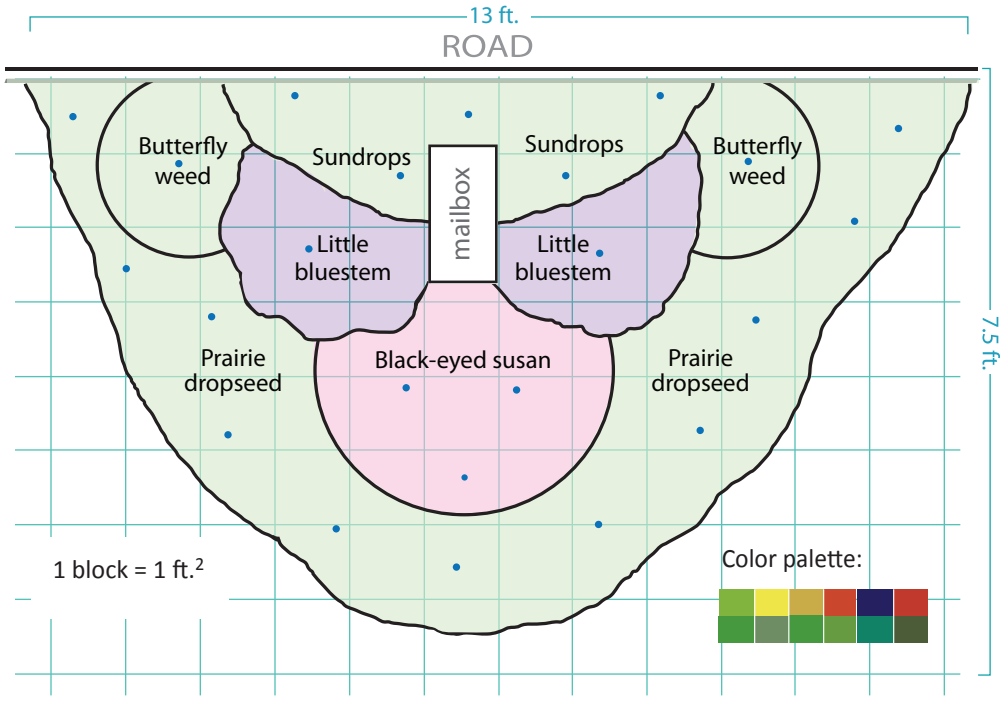
MAILBOX GARDEN

SITE: roadside mailbox **CONDITIONS:** drier and more sun



PLANTS:

Short:
Sundrops
Butterfly weed
Prairie dropseed

Medium:
Black-eyed susan

Tall:
Little bluestem

Sundrops

Prairie dropseed

Butterfly weed

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:
- Canada anemone
- Pink coreopsis
- Wild geranium

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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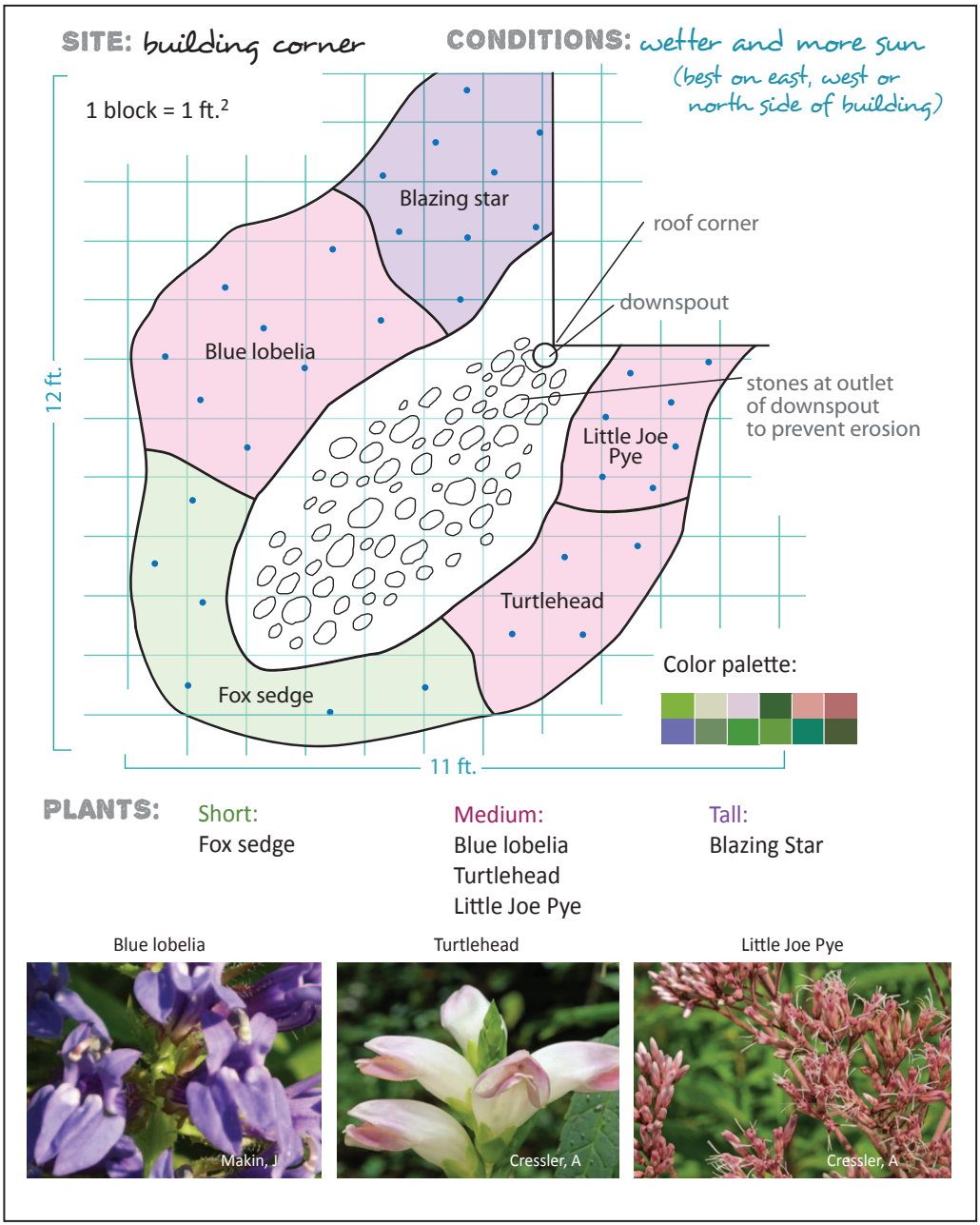
DOWNSPOUT GARDEN



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:

wetter and more shade

Short:
- Maidenhair fern
- Golden ragwort

Medium:
- Blue lobelia
- Lady fern
- Royal fern

Tall:
- Goat's beard
- Black cohosh

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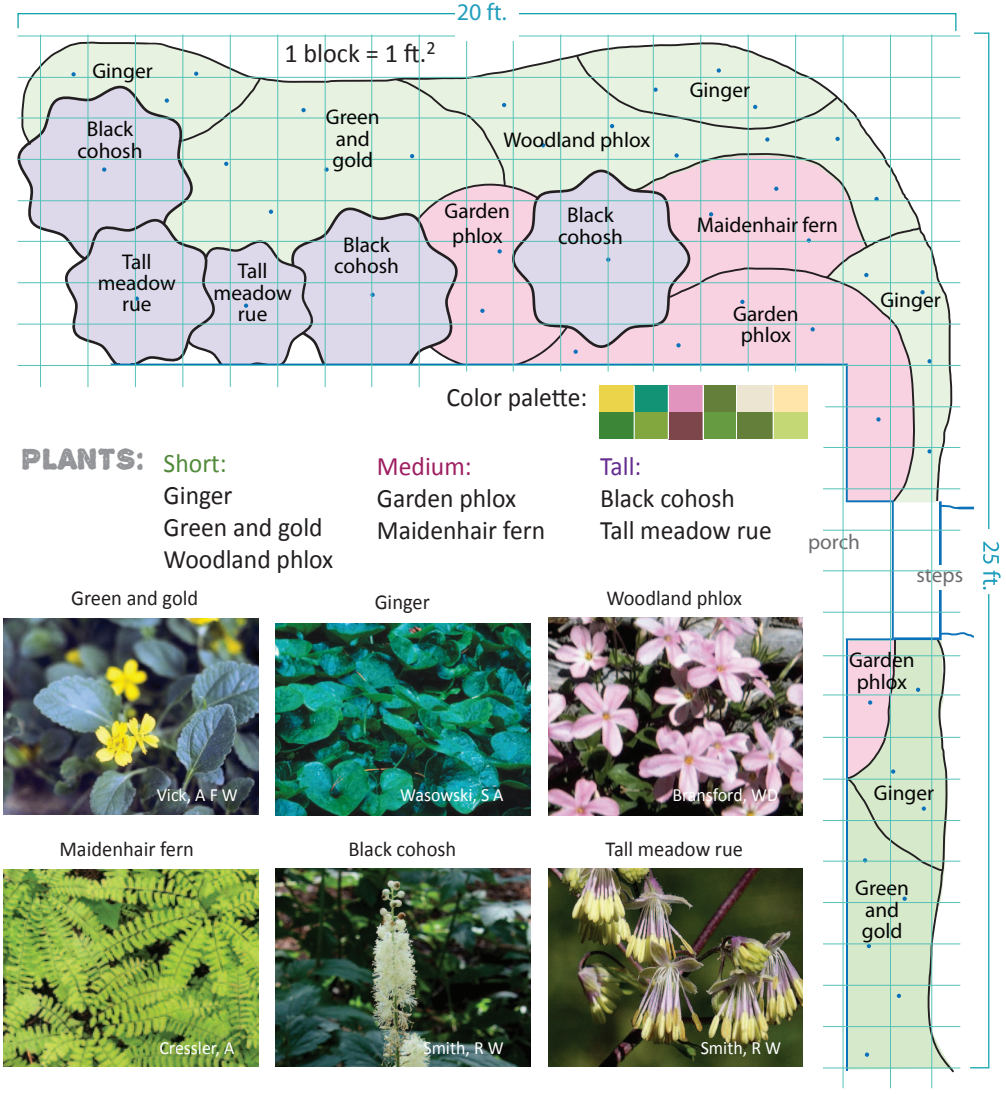
FRONT PORCH GARDEN

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



PLANTS:

Short:	Medium:	Tall:
Ginger	Garden phlox	Black cohosh
Green and gold	Maidenhair fern	Tall meadow rue
Woodland phlox		

Green and gold

Ginger

Woodland phlox

Maidenhair fern

Black cohosh

Tall meadow rue

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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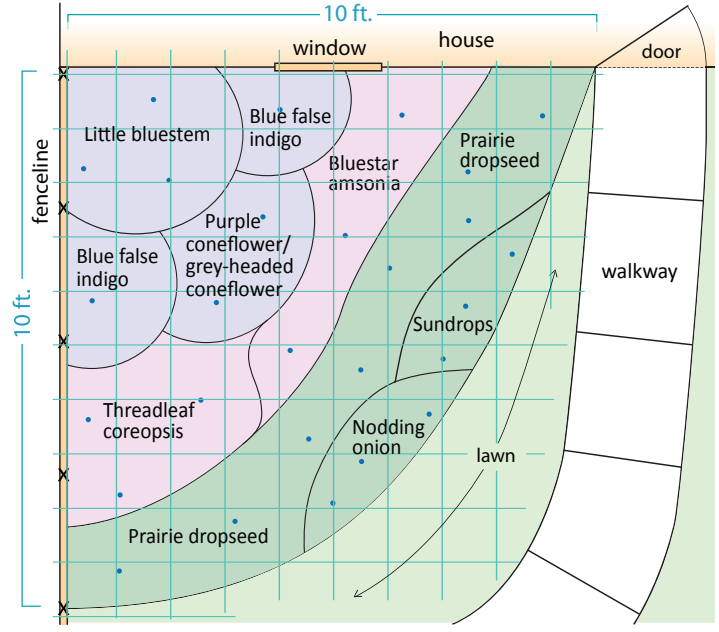
CORNER GARDEN

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.

SITE: house and fence corner **CONDITIONS:** drier and more sun



1 block = 1 ft.^{2}

Color palette:

PLANTS:

Short:
Prairie dropseed
Nodding onion
Sundrops

Medium:
Threadleaf coreopsis
Bluestar amsonia

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

Threadleaf coreopsis

Purple coneflower

Blue false indigo

PLANT ALTERNATIVES:

drier and more shade

Short:
Green and gold
Alumroot
Allegheny pachysandra

Medium:
Bottle brush grass

Tall:
Sneezeweed

wetter and more shade

Short:
Maidenhair fern
Solomon's seal
Canada anemone
Bleeding heart

Medium:
Great blue lobelia
Royal fern

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Clethra (small variety like 'hummingbird')
Black Cohosh

wetter and more sun

Short:
Pink Coreopsis
Wild geranium

Medium:
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Meadowsweet (small shrub)

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Summer Phlox

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