

Fragrant Showcase

Imagine walking through this gate while the Orienpet lilies are in bloom. Their flowers and marvelous sweet fragrance will make you stop and linger a while. And by planting at least three different lily cultivars, you'll get to enjoy them from midsummer into autumn.

Before the lilies bloom, Siberian iris start the summer off in the pink. Soon they're followed by low-growing perennial geraniums and blushing pink roses. And don't forget about foliage. The variegated leaves of the false aster and the burgundy ones of the 'Can-Can' coral bells, 'Chocolate' Joe-Pye weed and 'Lynda Windsor' sedum stay colorful through the seasons.

The rectangular shape of this 6-foot-by-30-foot border would make it ideal along the sidewalk in your front garden. You could face it into the yard for you to enjoy, or turn it around so friends and neighbors passing by would get to view it. If you prefer, an arbor could be set over the gate and covered with clematis or climbing roses to add even more romantic color.

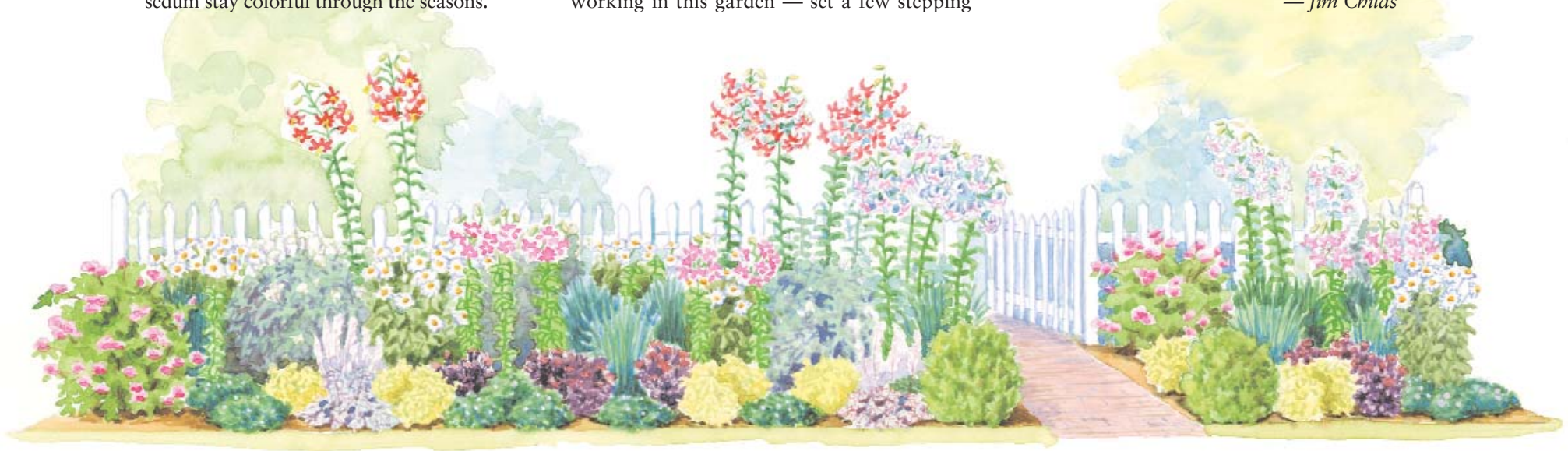
Our border is backed by a 4-foot-tall picket fence, but you could plant it along a garage or house wall instead. If the plan's not long enough, don't be afraid to duplicate part of it until it fits your own garden space. And a helpful hint for working in this garden — set a few stepping

stones among the perennials so you have a place to stand while you work.

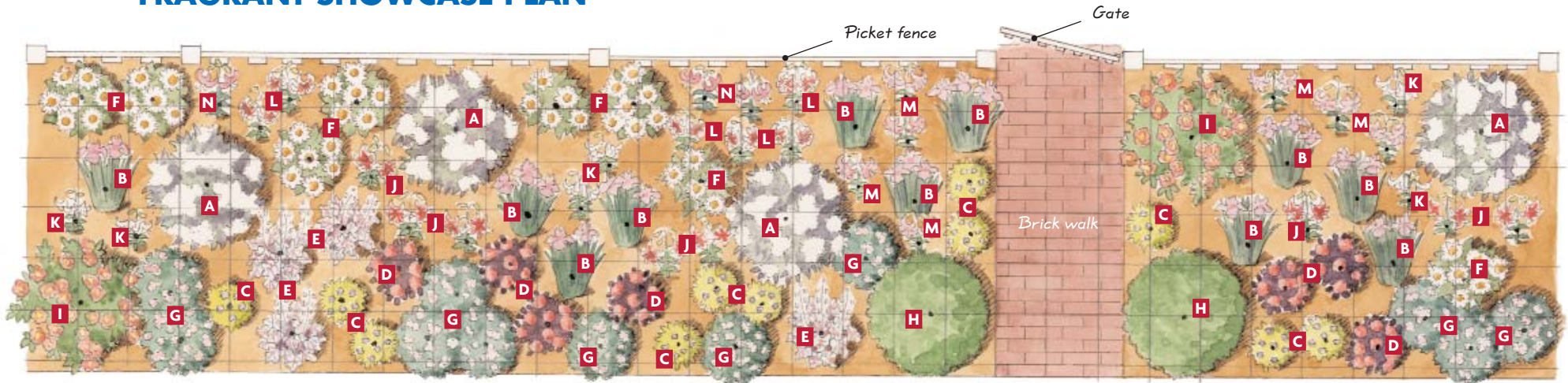
You'll need to stake the tallest lilies, especially if you plant this garden in a windy spot. Stake the stems near the top, to help prevent the flower heads from snapping off. After the lilies bloom, you can remove the stakes so they don't show in the border.

This entire garden, but especially the lilies, will draw lots of attention no matter where you plant it. So be aware — you could create a traffic jam on your street as people stop to admire your fragrant and beautiful garden! □

— Jim Childs



FRAGRANT SHOWCASE PLAN



Scale: 1 square = 1 square foot

| Code | Plant Name | No. to Plant | Bloom Color | Bloom Time | Type | Cold/Heat Zones | Height/Width | Comments |
|------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| A | Joe-Pye weed <i>Eupatorium rugosum</i> 'Chocolate' | 4 | White | Midsummer | Perennial | 4-8/8-2 | 48 in./30 in. | Dark bronze-purple foliage; flowers good for cutting |
| B | Siberian iris <i>Iris sibirica</i> 'Pink Haze' | 11 | Pink | Spring | Perennial | 3-8/9-1 | 30 in./18 in. | Pink flowers flecked with crimson; clean, spiky foliage |
| C | False aster <i>Kalimeris yomena</i> 'Shogun' | 11 | Pale lavender | Fall | Perennial | 4-8/8-1 | 15 in./12 in. | Olive-green leaves splashed with yellow to creamy white |
| D | Sedum <i>Sedum</i> 'Lynda Windsor' | 7 | Ruby red | Summer | Perennial | 3-9/9-1 | 12 in./16 in. | Purple-black succulent leaves; easy to grow |
| E | Coral bells <i>Heuchera</i> 'Can-Can' | 4 | Green-white | Summer | Perennial | 4-9/9-1 | 12-24 in./20 in. | Ruffled leaves; silver on top, wine on the underside |
| F | Purple coneflower <i>Echinacea purpurea</i> 'Fragrant Angel' | 8 | White | Summer | Perennial | 3-9/9-1 | 36 in./18-24 in. | 4- to 5-in.-diameter fragrant flowers; orange cone |
| G | Perennial geranium <i>Geranium sanguineum striatum</i> | 11 | Pink | Summer | Perennial | 4-9/9-1 | 8 in./18-24 in. | Spreading mat of green leaves; pink flowers have dark veins |
| H | Boxwood <i>Buxus</i> 'Green Velvet' | 2 | N/A | Evergreen | Shrub | 5-9/9-1 | 2-3 ft./2-3 ft. | Good winter color; rounded form; easy to clip for size |
| I | Rose <i>Rosa</i> Blushing Knockout® | 2 | Pink | Summer | Shrub | 4-9/9-1 | 2-3 ft./2-3 ft. | Drought tolerant; resistant to black spot; long blooming |
| J | Orienpet lily <i>Lilium</i> 'Serendipity' | 8 | Crimson | July | Bulb | 3-8/8-1 | 3-4 ft./1 ft. | Strong stems; out-facing flowers with broad petals |
| K | Asiatic lily <i>Lilium</i> 'White Butterflies' | 6 | White | June | Bulb | 3-8/8-1 | 3-8 ft./1 ft. | Pale pink tints in cool weather; nodding flowers |
| L | Orienpet lily <i>Lilium</i> 'Scheherazade' | 6 | Deep red | August | Bulb | 3-8/8-1 | 4-6 ft./1 ft. | Vigorous; recurving petals edged with white and gold |
| M | Orienpet lily <i>Lilium</i> 'Anastasia' | 7 | Rose pink | August | Bulb | 3-8/8-1 | 4-6 ft./1 ft. | White petals with rose pink centers; long blooming |
| N | Asiatic lily <i>Lilium</i> 'Ariadne' | 3 | Dusty rose | June | Bulb | 3-8/8-1 | 3-8 ft./1 ft. | Light fragrance; heavy bloomer |