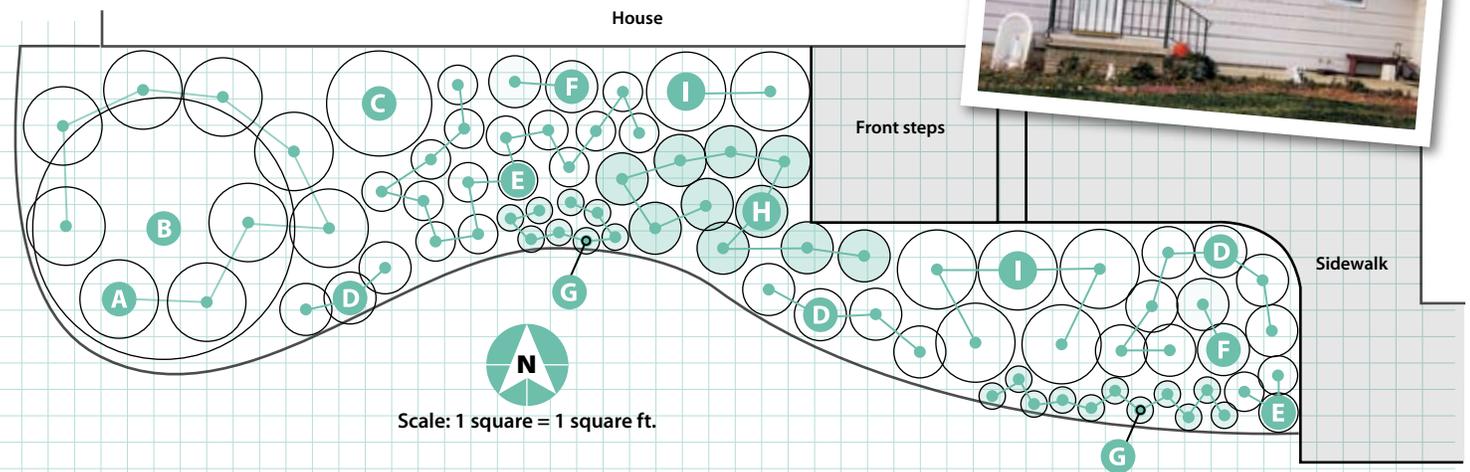


MAKE IT EASY ON YOURSELF

A small tree, easy-care shrubs and drifts of perennials create a garden that welcomes guests, but doesn't demand a lot of care to look beautiful. The tree and a couple of tall evergreens break up the long, low roofline of this one-story house, without overwhelming it. Shrubs give a burst of spring color, and they add structure year-round. Grouping perennials into clumps or drifts makes them easier to care for — when it's time to fertilize or cut back, you can do the same task to several plants at one time. Focus the brightest color near the door to give guests a good visual cue about where to enter. Want a little extra punch? Include some showy annuals in containers on the sidewalk or planters on the deck rail. □



THE GARDEN'S PALETTE

Code	Plant Name	No. to Plant	Blooms	Type	Cold/Heat Zones	Height/Width	Special Features
A	Itea <i>Itea virginica</i> 'Henry's Garnet'	9	White; late spring to early summer	Shrub	5-9/9-1	3-5 ft./ 3-5 ft.	Droping clusters of tiny, fragrant flowers; fall color is burgundy to bright red
B	Crabapple <i>Malus</i> 'Adirondack'	1	White; early to midspring	Tree	4-8/8-1	15-20 ft./ 8-10 ft.	Pink buds open to white flowers; followed by red fruit in fall and winter; narrow, upright growth habit
C	Arborvitae <i>Thuja occidentalis</i> 'Holmstrup'	1	NA	Evergreen shrub	3-7/7-1	10-15 ft./ 3-4 ft.	Flattened fans of soft, bright-green evergreen foliage; can be sheared to shape if needed
D	Black-eyed Susan <i>Rudbeckia fulgida sullivantii</i> 'Goldsturm'	14	Golden yellow; mid- to late summer	Perennial	4-9/9-1	2-3 ft./ 1-2 ft.	Can tolerate drought, but foliage is healthier with consistent moisture
E	Feather reed grass <i>Calamagrostis xacutiflora</i> 'Karl Foerster'	18	Tan; midsummer to fall	Perennial	5-9/9-1	3-5 ft./ 1-2 ft.	Flowers earlier than most ornamental grasses; cut back hard in early spring to make room for new growth
F	Upright Japanese holly <i>Ilex crenata</i> 'Sky Pencil'	4	NA	Evergreen shrub	5-9/9-1	6-8 ft./ 2-3 ft.	Place in sheltered spot to protect foliage from drying winter winds
G	Daylily <i>Hemerocallis</i> 'Pardon Me'	19	Cranberry red; midsummer to fall	Perennial	4-10/10-1	18 in./ 12 in.	Reblooms; cut back spent flower stalks to encourage more flowers
H	Tall garden phlox <i>Phlox paniculata</i> 'Laura'	10	Magenta-purple with white eye;	Perennial	4-9/9-1	3-4 ft./ 2-3 ft.	Lightly fragrant; water at base of plant to keep foliage dry and cut down on powdery mildew midsummer
I	Spirea <i>Spiraea japonica</i> 'Neon Flash'	7	Magenta-pink; late spring	Shrub	4-8/8-1	2-4 ft./ 2-4 ft.	Snip or shear off spent blooms to tidy plant; may have small rebloom in late summer