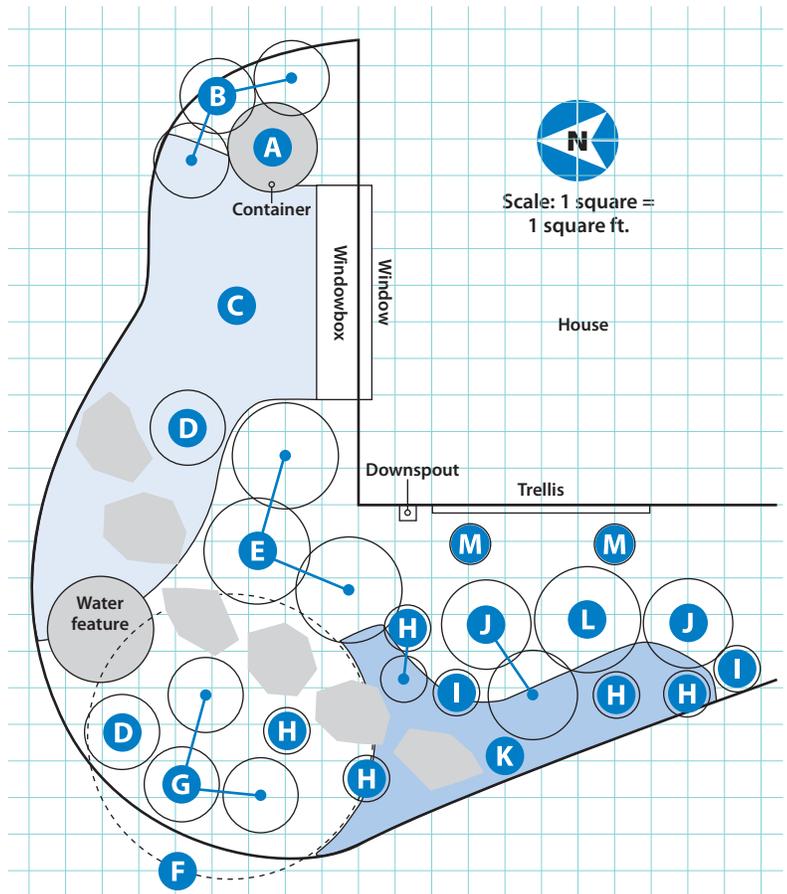


# CREATIVE CORNERS

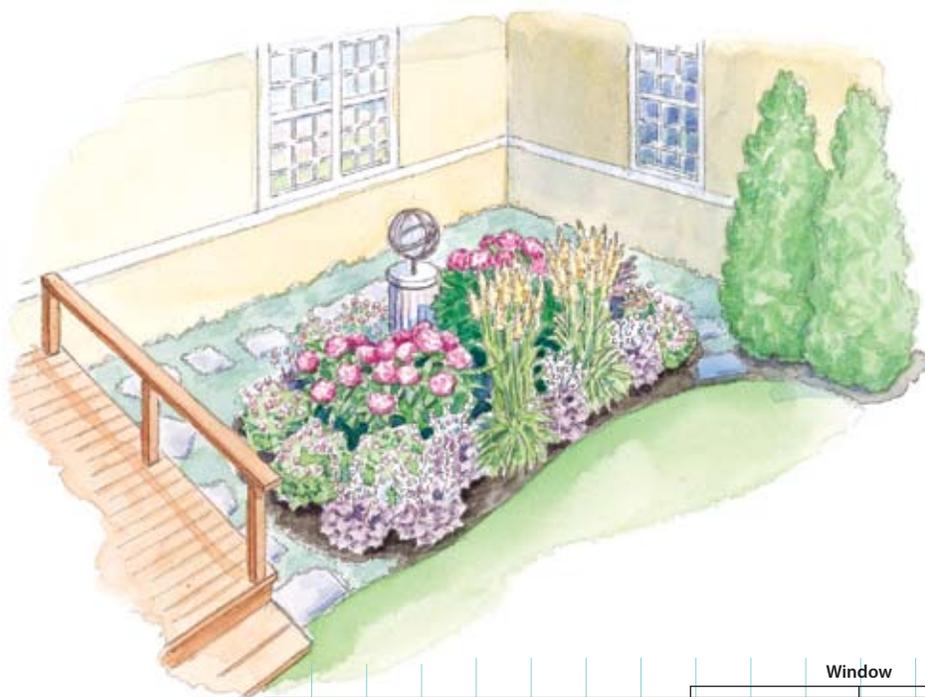
Even the prettiest garden can have an awkward space or two that's a challenge to design. For many gardeners, that space is located at the corners around their house, garage or other structure. Whether the area is an outward-facing corner or an inside one with walls on two sides, these spaces can be tricky areas to work with.

For outside corners like this one, use curved bed shapes to soften all the hard lines and angles of the roof and walls that intersect there. Also, place a few plants in the bed to obscure the view past the bed to add a bit of mystery and choose plants so the tallest plants are at least one-half to two-thirds the height of the house walls. □



## THE OUTSIDE CORNER PALETTE

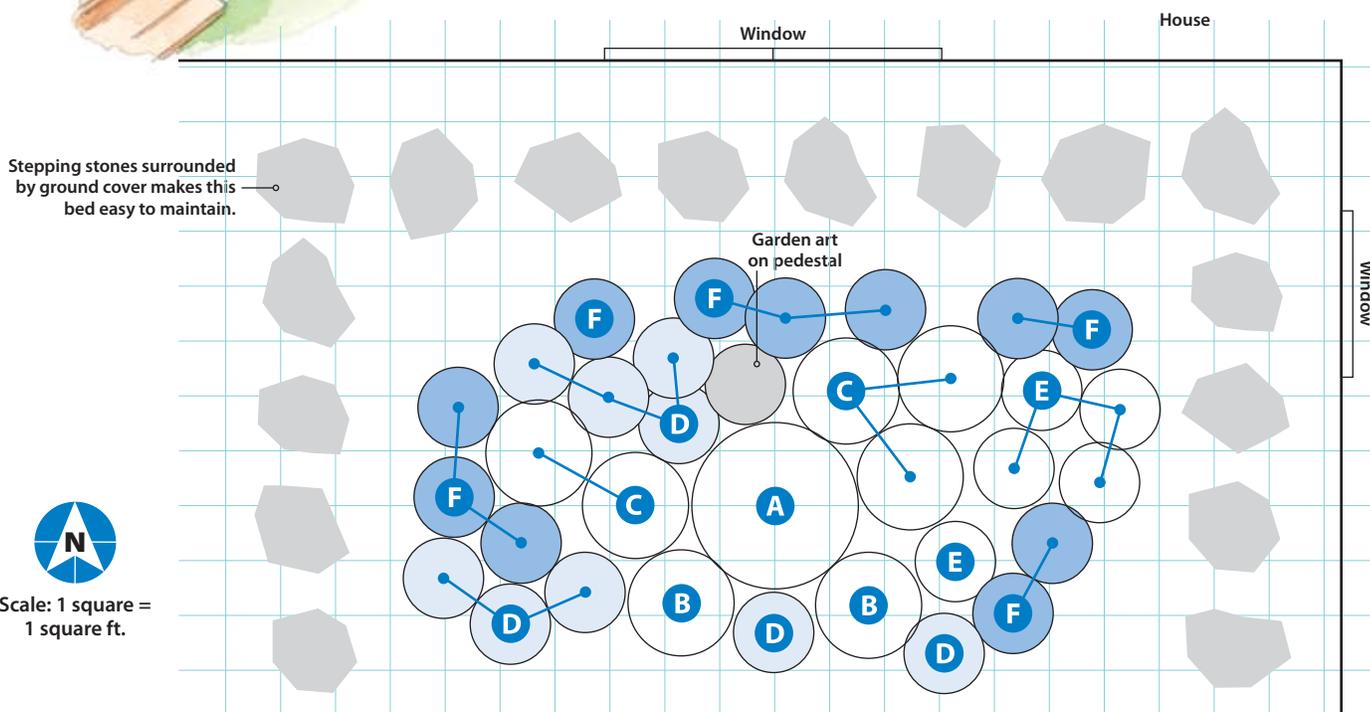
Code	Plant Name	No. to Plant	Type	Blooms	Height/Width	Cold/Heat Zones	Comments
A	Hemlock <i>Tsuga canadensis</i> 'Gentsch White' (in container)	1	Evergreen shrub	NA	3-4 ft./ 3-4 ft.	3-9/9-1	Dwarf evergreen shrub with rounded form; tips of needles are silver; give regular moisture
B	Foamflower <i>Tiarella</i> 'Jeepers Creepers'	3	Perennial	White; midspring	6-12 in./ 24 in.	4-9/9-1	Fragrant spring flowers held on 12-in. spikes; dark leaf markings stand out in cool weather; spreads slowly
C	Creeping wire vine <i>Muehlenbeckia axillaris</i>	17	Perennial	Green; late spring	4-6 in./ 12-15 in.	5-10/10-1	Insignificant spring flowers; mat of wiry deep green stems; mow in spring to encourage a thicker habit
D	Orange New Zealand sedge <i>Carex testacea</i>	2	Perennial grass	Brown; summer	18-24 in./ 18-24 in.	6-9/9-1	Fine arching blades emerge green, age to bronze; drought-tolerant; deer-resistant
E	Cherry laurel <i>Prunus laurocerasus</i> 'Mount Vernon'	3	Shrub	White; midspring	1-3 ft./ 2-3 ft.	6-9/9-1	Tiny fragrant white spring flowers; glossy evergreen leaves; compact, slow-growing; needs regular moisture
F	Tree hydrangea <i>Hydrangea</i> <i>paniculata</i> 'Kyushu' tree form	1	Shrub	White; summer to fall	6-15 ft./ 8-10 ft.	3-8/8-1	Panicles of white summer flowers age to pink; shiny dark leaves; upright form; cut back faded blooms in late winter
G	Foamy bells <i>Heucherella</i> 'Sweet Tea'	3	Perennial	White; spring to summer	18-24 in./ 18-28 in.	4-9/9-1	Large orange leaves darken in summer, lighten in fall; cut back ragged leaves in early spring for tidier look
H	Heather <i>Calluna vulgaris</i> 'Bonfire Brilliance'	5	Shrub	Lilac-pink; late summer	10-12 in./ 12-18 in.	4-6/6-1	Yellow-green summer foliage turns orange-red in fall; prune below flowers in fall to maintain tidy habit
I	Coral bells <i>Heuchera</i> 'Caramel'	2	Perennial	Pink; midsummer	9-18 in./ 12-24 in.	4-9/9-1	Tiny midsummer flowers attract hummingbirds; deer-resistant; cut back dead foliage in spring
J	Coneflower <i>Echinacea</i> 'Tangerine Dream'	3	Perennial	Orange; summer	2-3 ft./ 2-3 ft.	3-9/9-1	Large, 4-in. flowers fade as they age; light fragrance; deadhead faded flowers for longer bloom
K	Sedum <i>Sedum spurium</i> 'Voodoo'	7	Perennial	Red; summer	4-6 in./ 10-12 in.	4-9/9-1	Thick maroon leaves are evergreen; low spreading plant; propagate by dividing or taking cuttings in spring
L	New Zealand flax <i>Phormium</i> 'Maori Maiden'	1	Perennial	Red; late spring	2-3 ft./ 2-3 ft.	7-11/11-1	Rarely blooms; arching green-edged pink to rose-red leaves; cut back any leaves that revert to bronze color
M	Clematis <i>Clematis xcartmanii</i> Avalanche ('Blaual')	2	Perennial vine	White; spring	12-15 ft./ 24 in.	7-9/9-1	Large single white flowers; deeply cut leathery leaves are evergreen; prune dead growth after flowering is done



## INSIDE IMPACT

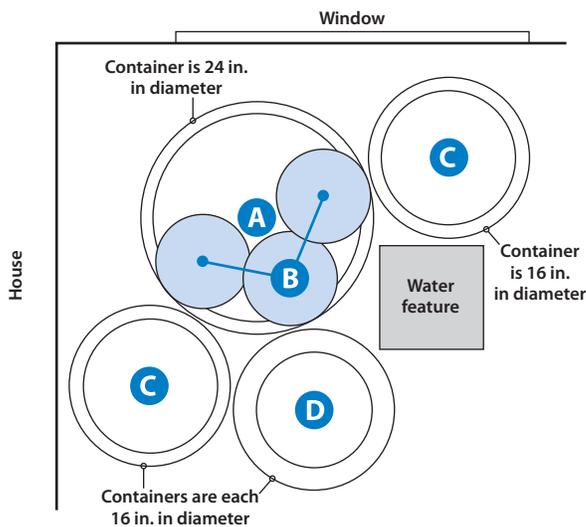
Inward-facing corners provide excellent places to display a plant collection, a single focal-point plant or even an interesting boulder or garden sculpture. In addition, the surrounding walls help contain the perfume of fragrant plants so it can be enjoyed indoors through open windows.

If you have the room, move the bed out from the house a few feet so it can be easily viewed from both indoors and out. The armillary in this bed is raised on a pedestal to make it more visible through the windows. □



## THE INSIDE IMPACT GARDEN PALETTE

Code	Plant Name	No. to Plant	Type	Blooms	Height/ Width	Cold/Heat Zones	Comments
A	Koreanspice viburnum <i>Viburnum carlesii</i> 'Compactum'	1	Shrub	White; spring	30-48 in./ 30-48 in.	4-7/7-1	Fragrant white flowers attract butterflies; small blue-black berries in late summer; prune after flowering is finished
B	Feather reed grass <i>Calamagrostis xacutiflora</i> 'Karl Foerster'	2	Perennial grass	Tan; summer	3-5 ft./ 1-2 ft.	5-9/9-1	Stiffly upright, clump-forming plants spread slowly; leave spiky tan flowers for winter interest; cut back in late winter
C	Hydrangea <i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i> Pink Elf® ('Pia')	5	Shrub	Pink; summer	2-3 ft./ 2-3 ft.	5-11/11-1	Give regular water first season as it gets established; to maintain round habit, prune in summer after flowers fade
D	Coral bells <i>Heuchera</i> 'Plum Pudding'	9	Perennial	White; summer	2 ft./ 12-18 in.	4-9/9-1	Large, shiny plum-silver leaves with dark veining; mulch heavily to prevent frost heave in cold-winter zones
E	Spurge <i>Euphorbia dulcis</i> 'Chameleon'	5	Perennial	Yellow; late spring	18 in./ 18-24 in.	5-9/9-1	Best purple leaf color in full sun; milky sap irritates eyes and skin; cut back dead growth in spring
F	Geranium <i>Geranium macrorrhizum</i> 'Spessart'	11	Perennial	Pink; midspring to summer	12-24 in./ 18-24 in.	4-8/8-1	Spreading ground cover; apple-scented green foliage turns bronze to red in fall; drought-tolerant when established



## INTIMATE CORNER

This small inside corner between a house and garage is just 8 feet by 8 feet, but is still large enough for a colorful plant combination. The container grouping holds only four different shade-tolerant plants, but, thanks to foliage and matching pots, it provides constant color for this intimate space.

Enclosed on two sides, the corner also acts as an echo chamber for the soothing sounds of the water feature. What a lovely welcome for everyone who approaches the front door! □

## THE INTIMATE CORNER PALETTE

Code	Plant Name	No. to Plant	Type	Blooms	Height/Width	Cold/Heat Zones	Comments
A	Willow <i>Salix</i> 'Hakuro-nishiki' tree form	1	Shrub	NA	2-5 ft./ 4-10 ft.	5-9/9-1	New pink foliage ages to green and white; stems turn red in winter; prune to maintain shape and size
B	New Guinea impatiens <i>Impatiens</i> Super Sonic™ Deep Purple	3	Annual	Dark purple; summer to fall	12-18 in./ 9-12 in.	10-11/12-1	Large 3-in. purple flowers; dark green foliage; tolerates full sun in consistently moist soil
C	Hakonechloa <i>Hakonechloa macra</i> 'Aureola'	2	Perennial	NA	1-2 ft./ 1-2 ft.	5-9/9-1	Arching gold-green leaves; requires moist, well-drained soil; slow growing; cut back dead growth in early spring
D	Hosta <i>Hosta</i> 'Hadspen Blue'	1	Perennial	Lavender; summer	14-18 in./ 18-20 in.	3-9/9-1	Heart-shaped heavily textured gray-blue foliage is slug-resistant; compact plant; drought-tolerant