





Here is our autumn planting schedule for easy reference, with everything you need to know at your fingertips:

VARIETY	BEST TIME TO PLANT	SUN/ SHADE	HEIGHT & SPREAD	GROWTH HABIT	FLOWERS	GARDEN USE	
<i>Dianthus chinensis</i>		March	Sun	20-25 cm high and wide.	Compact bushy plants, with thin, dark green leaves.	Single and double flowers, with ruffled or lacy edgings, or with a darker eye in varying shades of pink, purple and white.	Borders, edging, containers.
<i>Gazania rigens</i> (indigenous)		March	Sun	20-25 cm high and 15-20 cm wide.	Low-growing, compact, bushy plants, with dark green or silvery leaves.	Large daisy-like flowers, with stripes, or darker eyes in bright shades of yellow, orange, red, pink and white.	Drought-tolerant, free-flowering plant for beds, pavements, containers or hanging baskets.
<i>Mimulus</i> hybrids		March	Semi-shade to sun in winter	25 cm high and 20 cm wide.	Low-growing, more prostrate than bushy.	Often called monkey flowers because of their shape. Colours include ivory, red, orange and yellow.	Frost resistant and a good companion for nemesias, poppies, primulas and foxgloves as well as spring-flowering bulbs like daffodils.
<i>Verbena</i> hybrids		March	Sun	25 cm for bedding varieties; spread of up to 50 cm for semi-trailing varieties.	Spreading, with serrated, deep green leaves.	Flowers cover the plant, in shades of pink, red, burgundy, purple, and white, some with a distinct white eye. Apricot is a newly introduced colour.	Use in beds as a border or edging, between stepping stones, in rockeries as a groundcover, in containers and baskets. Mildew resistant.
<i>Lobelia erinus</i>		March	Semi-shade	Upright varieties are 13 cm high and 20 cm wide; semi-trailing varieties can spread 30 cm.	Flowers cover the entire plant, which remains compact and mounded.	Tiny, brilliantly true-blue flowers, some with white eyes that give blooms an extra sparkle.	Use as a filler in hanging baskets and containers as well as an edging for garden beds, with spring bulbs, and as a border in front of roses.
<i>Sutera cordata</i> (bacopa) (indigenous)		March	Sun	20-30 cm high and wide.	A vigorous, cascading groundcover, with larger flowers on newer varieties.	Dainty, single, blue, pink or white flowers that cover the plant.	Perfect for hanging baskets or cascading over the edges of a container, as well as a groundcover, especially on slopes.
<i>Chrysanthemum paludosum</i>		March	Sun	20-25 cm high.	Spreading growth that fills gaps quickly.	Small white or off-white daisy flowers with a yellow centre.	Mixes well with other flowers. Use between stepping stones or plant <i>en masse</i> as a groundcover.
Alyssum (<i>Lobularia maritima</i>)		April	Sun	10-25 cm high and 30 cm wide.	Low carpet effect when planted close together.	Honey-scented flowers cover the plant; mix of pink, apricot, purple, red and white.	For borders and edgings, especially for roses, as filler plants in containers, window boxes, and hanging baskets, or between paving and in rockeries.
Snapdragons (<i>Antirrhinum majus</i>)		April	Sun	Cut-flower varieties grow up to 90 cm; dwarf bedding varieties are generally 20-25 cm high and wide.	Bedding varieties are bushy and compact; taller varieties may need to be staked.	Dwarf varieties produce masses of frilly flowers (mini-spikes), in warm shades of pink, mauve, orange, yellow and red.	Useful filler for awkward spots. Use taller varieties for the back of beds and dwarf cultivars for filling up the front of beds, containers and hanging baskets.
<i>Petunia</i> hybrids		April (in dry winter areas)	Sun	20-40 cm high for upright varieties; spreading varieties can cover up to 1 m per plant.	Can be divided into bedding petunias with larger flowers (mainly <i>Grandiflora</i>) and spreading varieties, with smaller flowers that grow quickly, are self-cleaning and need very little care.	Flowers are single, double, frilled, veined, starred, or picotee, in almost every conceivable colour, including black.	Use bedding varieties <i>en masse</i> for high-impact colour and in containers; trailing varieties are suitable for baskets, containers, window boxes and in large landscapes as groundcovers.
Fairy primula (<i>Primula malacoides</i>)		April	Semi-shade to shade	20-25 cm high.	Compact growth with flowers held above the leaves.	Each plant produces a multitude of flowering heads in shades of lavender, rose, white or wine red.	Massed bedding plant on its own or with daffodils and hyacinths.
Iceland poppies (<i>Papaver nudicaule</i>)		May	Sun	38 cm high and 15 cm wide.	Long-stemmed, bushy plants.	Large, single flowers in a mix of orange, pink, scarlet, white, and yellow shades.	Plant among pruned roses for winter colour, or with pansies, violas and calendulas.
<i>Primula acaulis</i> (primrose)		May	Shade	10-14 cm high and 18 cm wide.	Compact rosette of deep green leaves, with flowers above.	Flowers form a posy in vivid colours, often with yellow centre.	For edgings and containers, as well as an indoor pot plant.
Pansy hybrids		May	Sun	15-20 cm high and 25 cm wide; trailing pansies spread up to 75 cm.	Free-flowering, compact and bushy or prostrate (spreading).	Large flowers with a huge colour range and many variations: blotches, whiskers, frilled edges and bicouours.	In beds as edges, borders, or <i>en masse</i> ; containers, window boxes and hanging baskets; with spring bulbs, and other winter flowers.
<i>Bellis perennis</i>		May	Semi-shade	15-20 cm high and wide.	Sturdy plants, leaves form a green mat.	Small, pomponette-type English daisies in red, white or pink.	Borders, edging, containers, in loffel stones and between pavers. 🌱