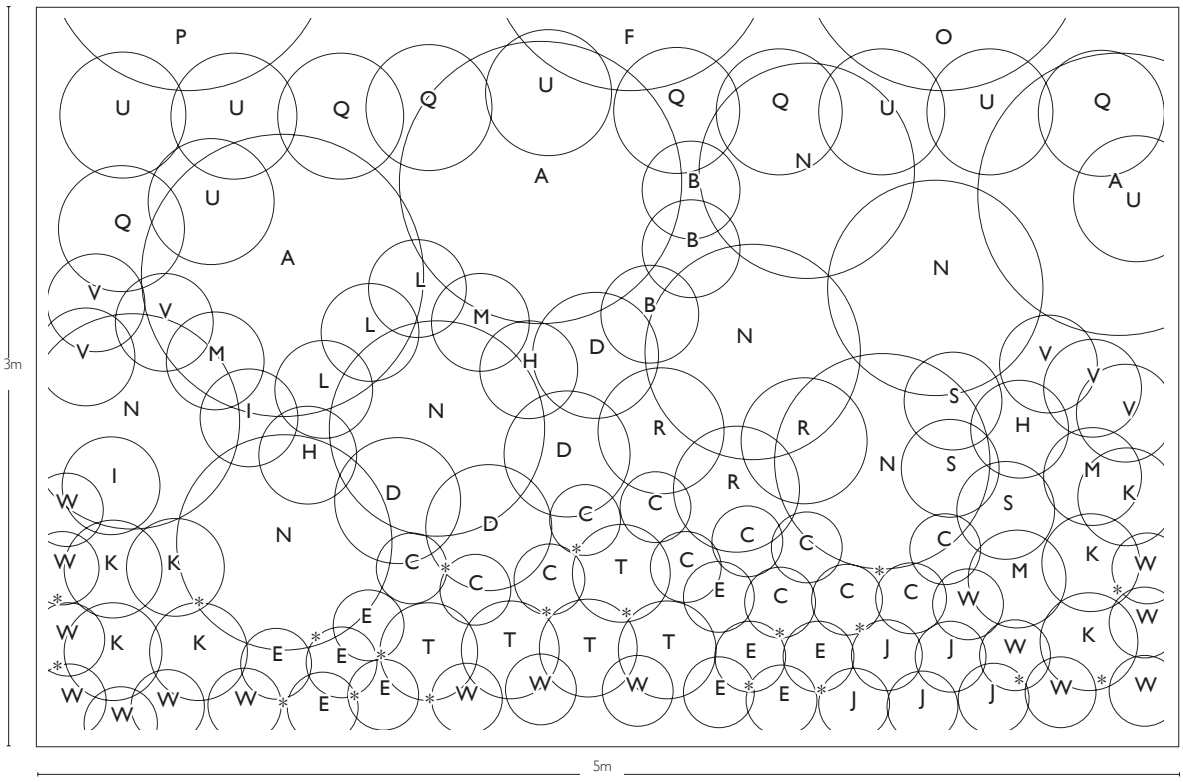
Ravishing Beauty - a design for romantic flower border by Jinny Blom. Issue 150 June 2009



Jinny's list includes large shrubs, perennials and bulbs to flower in succession through the summer.

A *Hydrangea arborescens* **'Annabelle'** x3. Large shrub, bears greenish white flower heads up to 20cm across. 2.5m. AGM.
B *Aconitum* **'Bressingham Spire'** x3. Deep violet flowers from midsummer to early autumn. 1m. AGM. Caution: toxic.
C *Viola cornuta* **'Alba'** x12. Flowers in spring and summer. 15cm.
D *Leucanthemum vulgare* x3. The ox-eye daisy flowers in late spring and early summer. 90cm.
E *Iris* **'Jane Phillips'** x10. Pale blue flowers in May and June. AGM.
F *Clematis* **x** *triternata* **'Rubromarginata'** x1. A vigorous climber that bears red-rimmed white flowers between summer and early autumn. 3-6m. AGM
G *Allium sphaerocephalon* x200*. Flowers in summer. 90cm.
H *Verbascum blattaria* **f.** *albiflorum* x3. Spires hung with small white flowers, May to July. 1.2m.
I *Romneya coulteri* x2. The Californian tree poppy flowers all summer. 1-2.5m. AGM.
J *Erigeron karvinskianus* x5. This pink and white daisy flowers all summer. 20cm. AGM.
K *Astrantia* **'Roma'** x7. Flowers like soft pink pincushions from June to September. 50cm.
L *Veronica* **'Pink Damask'** x3. Bears spires of rose-pink flowers in July and August. 90cm.
M *Cirsium rivulare* x4. Thistle-like plant with crimson flower heads from early to midsummer. 1.2m.
N *Rosa* **'Madame Knorr'** x7. Reliable, vigorous, bushy rose with scented flowers in summer and autumn. 1.2m. AGM.
O *Clematis* **'White Moth'** x1. Climber with white, bell-shaped, double flowers April-June. 2.5m.
P *Clematis* **'Royal Velours'** x1. Climber with small, bell-shaped, red-purple flowers, summer to early autumn. 2-4m. AGM.
Q *Campanula lactiflora* **'Loddon Anna'** x6. Soft lilac-white flowers from early summer to early autumn. 1.2-1.5m. AGM.
R *Campanula* **'Sarastro'** x3. Pendulous blue bells and large hairy leaves. 60cm.
S *Geranium* **Patricia (= 'Brempat')** x3. Bears magenta flowers in summer. 75cm. AGM.
T *Iris* **'Deep Black'** x5. Scented flowers, May-August. 75cm.
U *Leucanthemella serotina* x7. Vigorous daisy that flowers in autumn. Typically reaches a height of up to 1.5m. AGM
V *Lychnis coronaria* x6. Silver foliage, and magenta flowers in late summer. 80cm. AGM.
W *Viola* **'Bowles's Black'** x16. This short-lived perennial makes good ground cover at the front of the border (with 23). 15cm.
X *Gladiolus communis* **subsp.** *byzantinus* x150*. Fragrant flowers from May to August. 90cm. AGM.
Y *Nerine bowdenii* x45*. Pink lily-like flowers in autumn. 45cm. AGM.

(* denote positions of scattered bulbs)

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