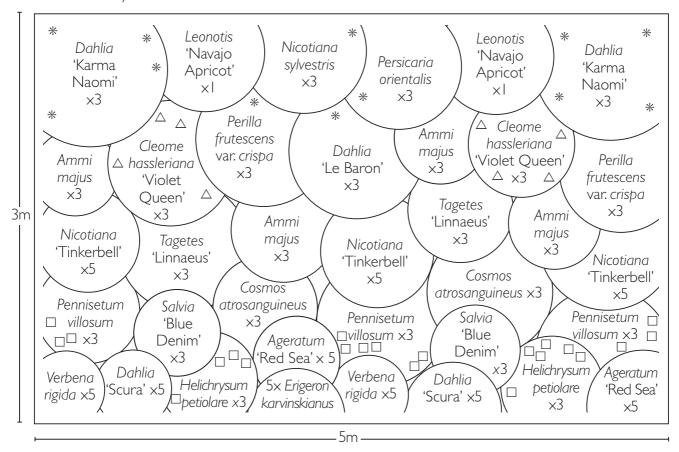
Chic & Cheerful - a design for an annual border by Dutch garden designers Helen Lewis and Wilko Karmelk. Issue 146 February 2009



Helen and Wilko's selection includes a few perennials (the dahlias and Cosmos), while the rest are all annuals grown from seed

Ageratum 'Red Sea' x 10. Reddish-purple flowers, June-November: Height 30cm. Full sun.

Ammi majus △x20. Stunning umbellifer, flowers July-October, I m stems. Full sun, half shade.

Cleome hassleriana 'Violet Queen' x6. Sparkling annual with large flower heads and pointy seedpods. Flowers July-October: Height 1.2m. Full sun.

Cosmos atrosanguineus x 10. Fragrant chocolate-coloured flowers from July to November. Height 40cm. Full sun.

**Dahlia 'Karma Naomi'** x6. Red- maroon flowers, July to first frost. Hardly needs staking. Perfect cut flower: Height 1.8m. Full sun. **Dahlia 'Le Baron'** x3. Striking dark purple flowers, July-November: Height 1.2m.

Dahlia 'Scura' x10. Miniature with small, single red flowers and dark foliage, July to first frost. Height 30cm. Full sun.

*Erigeron karvinskianus* x5. The Mexican daisy has white/pink flowers May-December: Hardy in sheltered gardens. Height 50cm. Full sun, half-shade.

Helichrysum petiolare x6. Grey foliage much-used in baskets and pots. Height 50cm. Full sun.

Leonotis 'Navajo Apricot' x2. Upright, pale orange form. Flowers July onwards. Height 2m. Full sun.

Nicotiana sylvestris x3. White, fragrant, pendulous flowers, July-November on strong 1.5m stems. Full sun, half-shade.

**Nicotiana** 'Tinkerbell' × 15. Great combination and filling plant. Burnt-orange flowers, June-November. Height 1 m. Full sun, half-shade. **Pennisetum villosum** × 9. A grass of misty-white plumes from July. Height 60cm. Half hardy. Full sun.

**Perilla frutescens var. crispa** (formerly *nankinensis*) x6. Dramatic dark-purple leaves combine with most plants. Height 1 m. Full sun. **Persicaria orientalis** x3. Has the common name kiss-me-over-the-garden-gate – is a gracious giant with pendulous red flowers, July-November: Height 1.8m. Full sun.

Salvia 'Blue Denim' x3. Lots of colour in summer and autumn. Height 60cm. Full sun.

*Tagetes* 'Linnaeus' x6. Dark orange, single marigold flowers, with occasional yellow ones, on 80cm stems, June to first frost. No deadheading. Full sun.

**Verbena bonariensis\*** × 12. Often treated as a perennial but can be grown annually. Flowers July onwards. Height 1.5m. Full sun. **Verbena rigida** × 10. Small, elegant plant ideal for the front of the border. Flowers July-October. Height 40cm. Full sun.

Zinnia 'Red Spider' ☐ x22. Miniature with tiny flowers, July to first frost. Height 30cm. Sunny spot.

 $(\triangle, \square \text{ and } * \text{ denote positions of scattered specimens.})$ 

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