



Ideas for an Easy-care Shady Border



*Plant tall, flowering shrubs and
beautiful flowers to bring life to a dull corner and
make the most of a shady border.*

Made for the Shade

Choose an area of your garden in light shade with some morning or evening sun for this low-maintenance, colorful border.

Avoid planting under large trees, as their roots often use up too much water. Prepare the ground well by digging it to a depth of 2 ft. Remove perennial weeds and roots and dig in well-rotted compost or manure.

Plant the shrubs in fall to give them time to establish. Add perennials in spring in colder areas, and fall in warmer areas. Set out plants and move them until you find their most attractive sides. Soak plants before planting.

HYDRANGEA
H: 3-15 ft.,
S: 6-10 ft.;
blue or pink
flower heads in
summer;
zones 6-9

HOSTA
H: 1-3 ft., S: 3-4 ft.;
white or lilac flowers
in summer; zones 3-9

HEBE
H: 6-12 in., S: 2-3 ft.;
flowers early summer;
good groundcover;
protect in winter in
cold areas; zones 4-8

CROCOSMIA
H: 2-4 ft., S: 6-8 in.;
prefers sun; orange,
red, or gold flowers
in late summer;
protect in winter in
cold areas; zones 5-8

ROSA RUGOSA
H and S: 3-6 ft.;
hardy plant; pink
flowers in fall;
zones 2-8

BUGLEWEED
H: 15 in., S: 24 in.;
groundcover; small,
purple flowers in
spring; zones 2-8

LIGULARIA
H: 4 ft., S: 2 ft.;
orange flowers in late
summer; zones 4-9





SMOKE TREE
H: 15 ft., S: 15 ft.;
deciduous or evergreen;
ball-shaped flowers in late
summer; zones 5-9

FOXGLOVE
H: 30 in.-5 ft.,
S: 1-2 ft.; pink
spikes in summer;
self-seeding
biennial;
zones 4-10



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More Plants for Shady Borders

AREAS	PLANT	DESCRIPTION
DRY SHADE 	Euphorbia <i>(far left)</i>	Round, greenish yellow flower heads in spring; 3 ft.; zones 7-10
	Gladwin Iris <i>(left)</i>	Tall, fast-growing plant with bright pink berries in fall; 5 ft.; zones 5-7
	Windflower <i>(Anemone)</i>	Cup-shaped, blue, pink, or white flowers in summer; 5 ft.; zones 5-8
	Fringecups <i>(Tellima)</i>	Small, bell-shaped, creamy white flowers in spring; 18 in.; zones 4-9
DAMP SHADE 	Astilbe <i>(far left)</i>	White, pink, or burgundy plumes in summer; 1-4 ft.; zones 4-8
	Royal Fern <i>(left)</i>	Bronze plumes on dark green leaves; 1-3 ft.; zones 7-9
	Bergenia	Pink or red flowers in spring; red-green leaves; 18 in.; zones 3-8
	Marsh Marigold	Yellow Buttercup-like flowers in summer; 24 in.; zones 3-10
COLD AREAS 	Viola <i>(far left)</i>	Blooms in wide range of colors in spring or summer; 2-8 in.; zones 6-9
	Spotted Laurel <i>(left)</i>	Shrub with evergreen foliage; red berries in fall; 8 ft.; zones 5-9
	Anemone 'De Caen'	Dark red or blue, cup-shaped flowers in spring; 8 in.; zones 6-9
	<i>Saxifraga stibrnyi</i>	Pink-purple, hairy blooms in spring; lime green leaves; 3 in.; zones 4-6
HOT AREAS 	Bears' Breeches <i>(far left)</i>	Tall spikes with white and purple flowers in summer; 4 ft.; zones 8-10
	Globe Thistle <i>(left)</i>	Blue globes of spiky flowers in summer; 2-3 ft.; zones 3-10
	Jacob's Ladder	Small, light blue, bell-shaped flowers in clusters; 1 ft.; zones 4-10
	Lilyturf (<i>Liriope</i>)	Violet flower spikes in late fall; green or striped leaves; 1 ft.; zones 5-10

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PLANTING & AFTERCARE



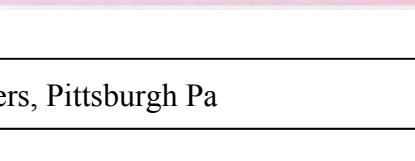
1 Mark out the border, using sticks or string. Measure an area 4 yd. x 4 yd. and divide it into individual 1 yd. squares.



2 Plant two Smoke Trees 1 yd. from the back and 1 yd. from the sides. Leave a 2 yd. space between shrubs to allow for their mature growth.



3 In second row from front plant, from left to right, in each square: two Hydrangeas, four Ligularias, one Rose and five Foxgloves.



4 In front row plant, from left to right, in each square: three Hostas, three Hebes, four Crocosmias and one Rose. Fill with Bugleweed.

5 To fill in large gaps before shrubs become established, consider planting spring and summer bulbs between the Smoke Trees.

6 After planting, spread a thick layer of pine bark as a mulch between the plants. This will prevent weeds and help to retain moisture.