

Fun with Foliage

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Starting your Garden

- Start with good soil
- Choose the right plant for the right location.
- Don't take on too much, start small!
- Be realistic about how much time you have to commit and cut that in half.
- Start weed free!
- Choose species over cultivars
- Use mulch!
- Break down the maintenance

Design Considerations:

- Three seasons of interest
- Three at a time (at least)
- Three different forms per grouping: spike, trail, round etc.

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Choosing Different Forms

- Vase shaped
- Umbrella shaped
- Columnar
- Globular
- Pyramidal
- Spreading
- Creeping
- Weeping
- Pendulous
- Climbing



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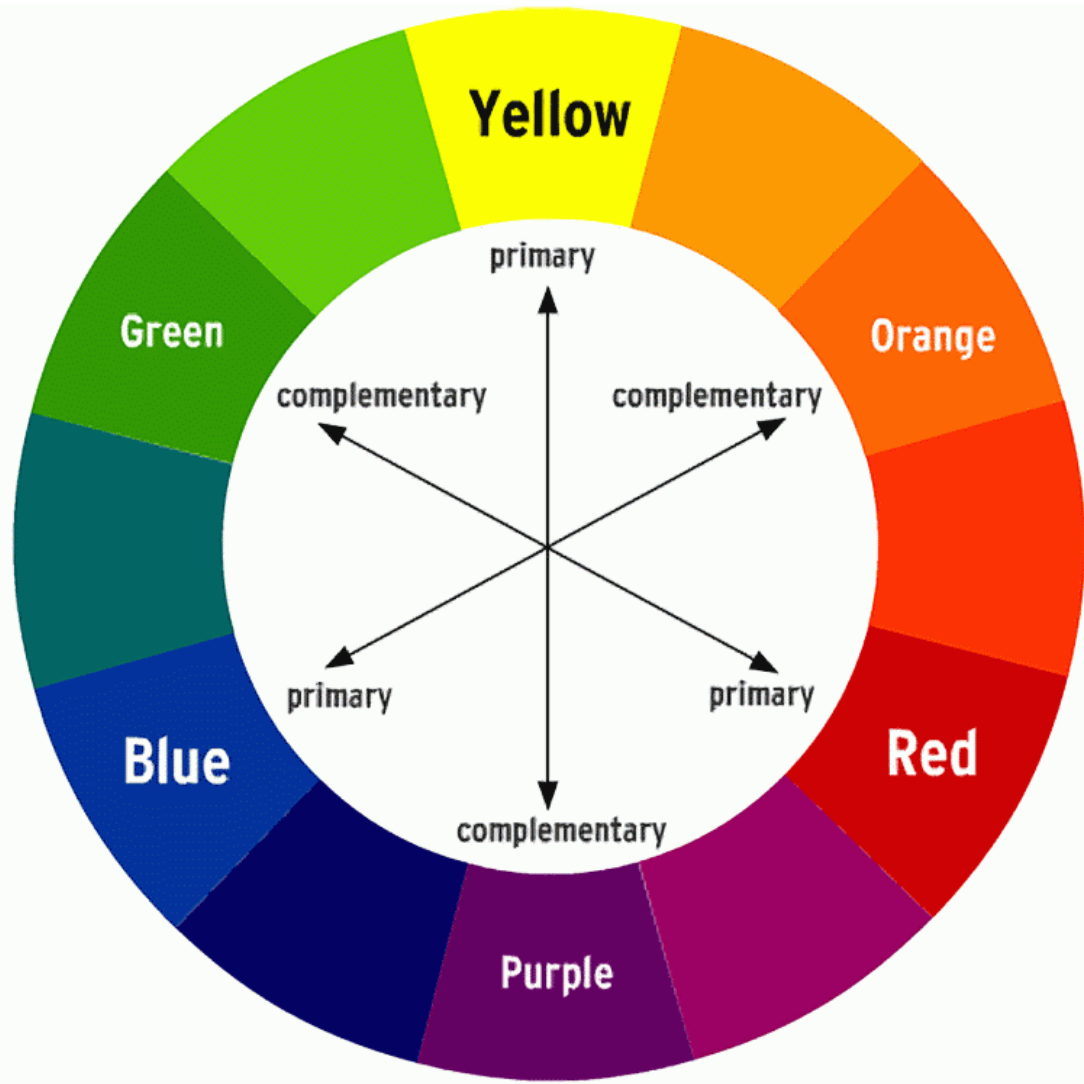












Mulch

- ☞ Mulch reduces weeds up to 90%
- ☞ Reduces water loss from soil by up to 70%
- ☞ Moderates soil temperatures for better plant performance
- ☞ Natural products decompose, just like in nature, which means better soil in the long term.



When to Water?

Do the Finger Test



Soil depth _____

Feel moisture here? No water needed _____

Feel dry here? Add some water _____

Coral Bells - Heuchera

- May ~~June~~ to ~~August~~ November!
- Partial shade to full shade (ish)
- Grow well in drought conditions
- Produces dainty plumes of bell-shaped red flowers in early and late summer
- Very easy maintenance

















Varigated Iris

Iris pallida 'Variegata'

- Late Spring (foliage April to November)
- Full sun to part sun
- Doesn't clump like other irises
- The sharp contracting spikes add a great aesthetic value to any garden
- The flowers smell like grape candy.
- Needs direct sun and well drained soil
- Expose tubers for blooms





Sedums and Succulents

- Many new varieties
- All very drought tolerant
- Prefer full sun to part sun
- Not all succulents are winter hardy











“Tigereye” Sumac

Rhus Typhina “*Tigereye Baitiger*”

- Full sun to partial shade
- Well drained soil
- Cultivar of the Staghorn Sumac
- Does great in well-drained soil, slopes, sand and clay, Not likely to spread as much as its cousin
- Lime/chartreuse leaves
- Fall colour is brilliant orange/red
- Slow growing





Ninebark

Physocarpus opulifolius

- Full sun to partial shade
- Tolerant of almost every condition including shade, sun, wet, dry, acidic or alkaline soils
- Clusters of white flowers change to brown grape-like clusters of fruit through the winter
- Varieties include leaf colours of burgundy, copper and gold-green (Summer Glow, Diablo, Coppertine, Dart's Gold, Summer Wine)



Bloomer of Purple
12-15"
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Cedar

Thuja Occidentalis – Emerald and Golden Globe

- Full sun to partial shade
- Adds year round green to your garden.
- Prefer wet soils but do not have to have them.
- Very adaptable, but do not like salt or extreme sun and sandy soils.
- Emerald Cedars are tighter than the native version, growing upright and narrow but are not as hardy as the native cedar.
- Golden Globes, small bush, easily keeps its round shape.





Junipers “Blue Star” “Sky Rocket”

- Many varieties of junipers, cultivars tend to be better behaved
- All shapes and sizes, including groundcover
- Drought tolerant
- Year round colour







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Smoke Bush *Cotinus coggygria* 'Royal Purple'

- Full sun to part shade
- Drought tolerant
- Flowers are plumes that resemble smoke
- Care is reported to be easy...but





Black Lace Elderberry

Sambucus "Eva"

- Pink clusters of flowers in late spring
- Berries in the fall – loved by birds!
- Ugly structure in winter if not pruned properly
- Prefers rich , cool soils



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Japanese Forest Grass

Hakonechloa Macra

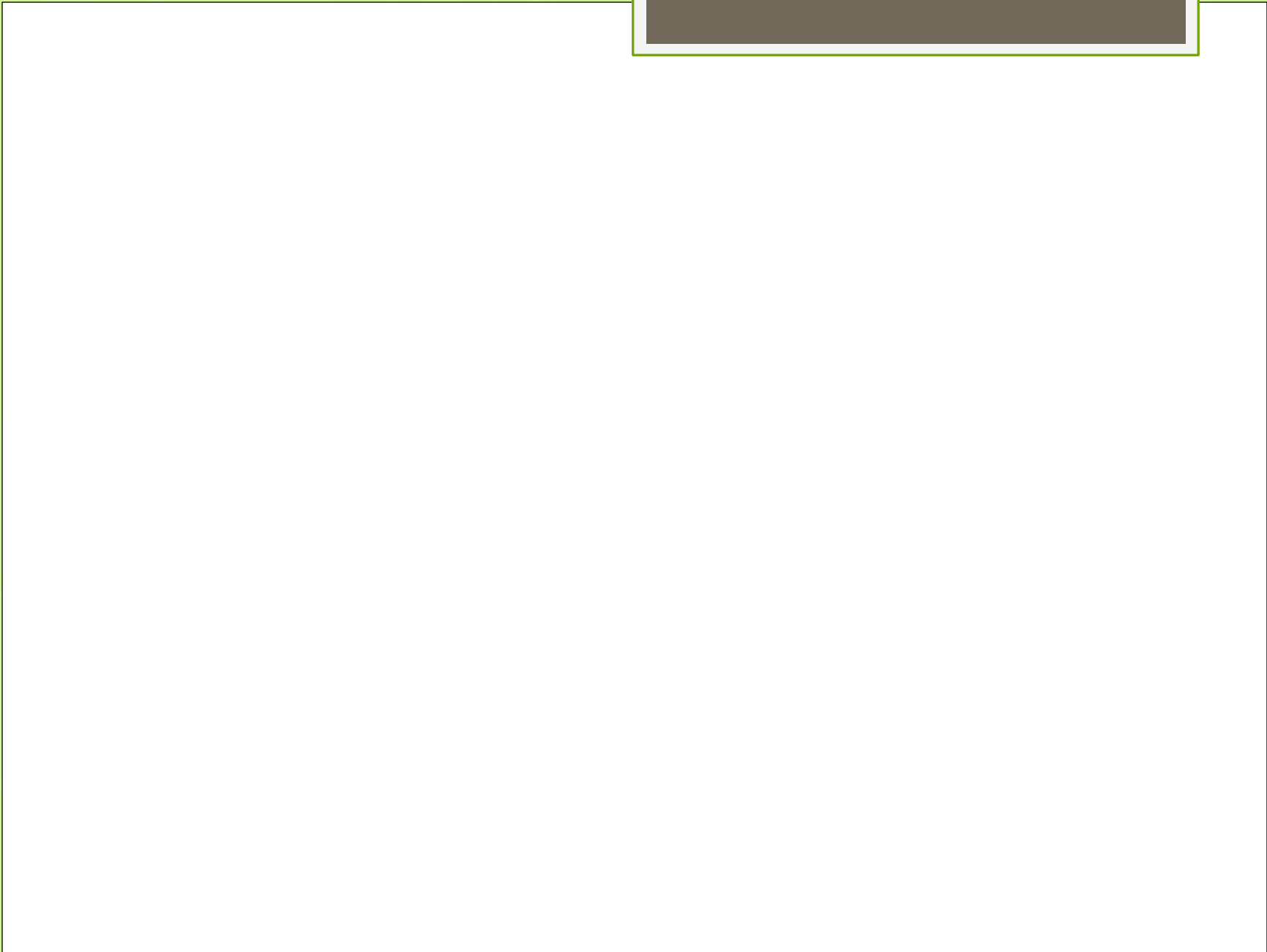
- Part to full shade (part sun?)
- Rich organic soils, well drained with mulch
- Grows more golden in full sun
- Slower growing and can be divided in spring or fall
- Great for edging in shady areas.











Hostas

Hosta spp

- Summer to fall
- Partial sun to full shade
- The 'go-to' plant for shade
- Many varieties: low-growing groundcover to 'monster-sized' species
- Divide larger ones every 2-3 years
- Water properly to avoid slugs
- Look for slug resistant varieties (thick waxy leaves)













Coleus

- Annual
- Offset water needs with rich organic soil and mulch
- Cultivars vary from full sun to part shade
- Good in containers and gardens, but containers will need more watering.



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"Purple Barona and Jade
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GERANIUM
FANCY LEAF
VANCOUVER CENTENNIAL

TRADEMARK/BREEDER:
PAC/JVK

PROPA



Coleus
"Sky Fire"



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