

more vigorous with upright, less floppy stems!

Très romantique 2-3" super double light pink clove-scented blooms are heavily striped and flecked in bright cherry-pink - long lasting and delightful for cut flowers. To 12" x 12", bloom time begins in mid-Spring and will last until Fall if you snip back spent stems. Handsome blue-green foliage forms a dense, weed-suppressing mat. Enchanting combined with annual Lobelia erinus 'Fountain White' (online). Hardy and long-lived if grown on the edge of a bed in well-drained soil or container (3+ gal). Cut back to 4" tall in Fall. Deer resistant! Sun/Part sun (hotter areas). Avg./Low water. Perennial USDA zones 5a-9b. #4983 \$7.95 3+\$7.50





## Cotula lineariloba 'Big Yellow Moon'

Ultra-fun, amusing and easy to grow! Spreading quickly to create a low, dense matting groundcover to 6" tall and 2' across, you'll love the soft, tactile, miniature ferny texture and large (I") prolific golden dome-like "button" flowers held atop 4" upright wiry stems. Blooms like crazy Spring thru Summer and is superbly suited for trailing over the edge of a bed, over and around rocks or growing out of an old washing machine. Evergreen, but I think it's best to cut it back to 6-8" across to maintain that tight matting appearance next season. Best in rich, well-drained soil. Adorable cut flowers! Deer resistant! Sun (coast)/Part sun (hotter areas). Avg. (best)/Low water. Perennial USDA zones 7-10. #1907 \$7.95 3+\$7.50

the roots. What's more, roots want to be able to grow out into your soil without too much resistance - they don't want to be squeezed or hit a wall of hard clay. When most plants are stuffed into hard-pan clay they'll "fail to thrive" and look hungry and stunted. (If you live in an area where heavy clay is most common, do make sure to add some organic material like compost, planting mix – or gravel or lava rock, which creates nice air pockets, until your soil is only ½ heavy clay to start).

If you don't have perfectly drained soil and want to grow plants that need "well-drained" soil, the edge of a bed (especially a raised bed) is a swell place to plant them. Containers and slopes offer another solution if you're bummed about a mostly clay garden.

Many plants, as you'll read in this catalog, are happiest and where they're so handy for cut flowers!

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Deer, heat, humidity and

drought resistant! Sun/Part

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rennial USDA zones 5-10.

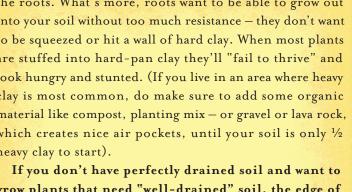
#2647 \$8.95 3+\$8.50

Sisyrinchium

A wild and crazy bloomer. Quickly spreading into a dense, blue-gray mat, 30" across, it bursts into an amazing Springtime display. 100's of double soft pink, deliciously clovescented 2" blooms continue for a month or two. Cut back to 5" after blooming and side-dress with compost for another round of bloom. Cut back again in Fall. Ideal for draping over the edge of a bed. Well-drained soil a must. Long lived! To 18" tall. Sun. Avg./Low water. Perennial USDA zones 3-II. #1420 \$7.95 3+\$7.50

Dianthus plumarius

'Rose de Mai'



with good to excellent drainage. Dianthus are famous for requiring plenty of sun and well-drained soil. Since many garden Dianthus/Carnations originate from rocky-slope habitats they'll "fail to thrive" without these two requirements. So, they only thrive on the edge of a bed (or in a rock garden with very good drainage). On the bright side, they're right up front where you can easily enjoy their scent



Helichrysum argyrophyllum "Golden Guinea Everlasting"

Add a fantastic contrastic highlight to your drier garden! Awesome for spilling over rocks, walls or for edging and containers, the small, glistening, almost metallic ever-silvery leaves and stems of this South African native construct a solid, trailing and ground-hugging mat. And even awesomer, from mid-Summer thru Fall it almost covers itself with showy little canary-yellow "strawflowers" that

last for months and make fun dried flowers! Grow in poor, well-drained soil (no clay). HEAT, FROST and **DROUGHT TOLERANT!** Deer resistant. To 3" x 36". Sun. Low water. Perennial USDA zones (8?) 9-II. **#3766** 

Lysimachia nummularia 'Aurea' "Golden Pennywort" Liquid gold for a dull, shady corner! Not invasive like the common green type, "Golden Pennywort" forms a low, dense, weed-suppressing mat 2" tall x 3' wide, filling in bare spots and weaving between plants. This is one groundcover that really does what it's supposed to do! Primo cascading over the edge of a bed, barrel, hanging basket or trailing into a pond. Half day sun (coast)/ Shade. Avg. water/Moist. Perennial USDA zones 5-10. Available in March. #1523 \$7.95 3+\$7.50

performance selection of C. poscharskyana just puts the original species to shame! Smothering itself on and off all season with charming I" lavender-blue

Campanula

Waterfall'

This high-

Blue

poscharskyana

stars, it's a perfect and

handy choice as a fast-growing groundcover in bright shade beds and for fronting shrubs. Mounding to I' tall with trailing stems spreading to 30" across. Super EASY and long-lived. Best in rich, loamy soil. Cut back 6"in Fall. AM sun/Bright shade. Avg./Low water. Perennial USDA zones 4-10. #4652 \$7.95 3+\$7.50

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When planting your garden, it's a good idea to think

about edging plants. Edgers and trailers deliver a prettier

"finished" appearance to the edges of a garden bed. They

can cover up less than attractive random rocks, tilting

boards or just plain bare soil. Trailers spilling over the

edge of a bed can also provide exciting colorful highlights

or a solid monochrome foreground against which your

colorful bloomers will "pop" more clearly into view. And

if you don't have raised beds, plantings along the edge

keep excess water from running out of your garden and

onto the pathway - taking your compost or soil with it

Now, for some folks the front edge of their garden bed

may be the only area that has some drainage and "drainage"

is very important. Drainage means that water sinks into the

soil pretty quickly without pooling on the top. It also means

that there are air pockets in your soil so that roots can get

oxygen. Yes, roots need oxygen! It helps the roots absorb

water and nutrients and also keeps the soil's important

microorganisms healthy, so they can deliver nutrients to

which, hey, is messy, right?

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