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The Cut Flower Patch: Grow Your Own Cut Flowers All Year Round



Synopsis

Louise Curley looks at what makes a great cut flower, ideal conditions and soil and the tools you'll need. There is advice on what to grow - from favorite hardy annuals, half hardies and biennials to spring and summer bulbs to adding foliage and fillers to balance arrangements - and advice on how and when to sow, how to support your plants and tips on weeding, deadheading, pests and feeding.

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"Cut flower books abound this year but I really like 'The Cut Flower Patch'... this girl grows her own cut flowers ... would please most gardeners""encourages new gardeners to tackle growing cut flowers ... no jargon and each chapter is clearly labelled." 'Jason Ingram's delicious photographs will have you rushing down to the garden centre to stock up on seeds.' "an enchanting new book ... thoughtfully constructed and handsomely illustrated . . . excellent practical chapters ... a whole section on wedding flowers" 'Louise Curley shows that growing your own cut flowers can be economical and enjoyable.' 'an excellent book' "immensely practical and inspirational book . a book that makes the whole subject accessible and Jason Ingram's fabulous photographs have a simple beauty that make them a perfect accompaniment to Louise's words . an excellent guide and a visual treat." "a useful and attractive starting point." "handsome and accessible" 'The Cut Flower Patch by Louise Curley is now one of the prettiest books on my bookshelf and is also my new bible [...] Louise just takes you by the hand and leads you through the joyful process of creating and enjoying your

very own cut flower patch. It's bloomin' marvellous.' "Cut flower books abound this year but I really like The Cut Flower Patch ... this girl grows her own cut flowers ... would please most gardeners""handsome and accessible""an enchanting new book ... thoughtfully constructed and handsomely illustrated . . . excellent practical chapters ... a whole section on wedding flowers"

Trained horticulturist LOUISE CURLEY writes for the Guardian newspaper, Grow Your Own, The Simple Things and Gardens Illustrated magazines. She started her Wellywoman blog in 2011 and was a finalist in the 'best blog' category at the Garden Media Guild Awards in 2012. She gardens organically and has kept an allotment for four years on which she grows all her cut flowers.

I enjoyed reading through this book. I have always wanted to supplement my vegetable with a flower patch for cut flowers but wasn't sure exactly how to set it up and what flowers to use. I have to alter some of the planting schedules from the book for my climate zone (California coast) as the author seems to be based in England but I still found lots of ideas to use. The photos of the flowers are great and there are 20-30 presentation ideas at the end of the book of how to arrange flowers. After finishing the book I have a list of flowers to start next spring. Even with a small area I think I can use ideas from the book to have a great little cut flower patch set up.

Lovely book, but it's flowers with a British accent. Great for if you're just looking for ideas--not too practical for American readers (gardeners).

A delightful and beautiful book, which I am following in starting my own, first cutting garden this Spring. Very informative.

Inspiring.

Some good ideas and inspiring photos

I have all of these books and am quite happy with them

Beautiful book! Excellent information regarding gardens.

"The Cut Flower Patch" is a beautifully put together book, with lovely photos of simple bouquets that

most gardeners can probably make from their own flowers. But the author gardens in the UK, and growing conditions are hardly the same there as in parts of the US with more extreme weather. Much of the practical advice concerning methods of growing is gleaned from the author's own experience, and is not always applicable for US growers, other than perhaps those living in the Pacific NW. An American gardener without any prior knowledge can find more useful guides for beginning to grow flowers. My advice is to buy a book written by an author with experience growing flowers under conditions similar to where you garden. Once you find such a regional book covering the basics, "The Cut Flower Patch" can be purchased as a lovely, stylish supplement to provide inspiration and ideas. (For more garden book reviews, please visit my garden blog at gardenfancy.blogspot)

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