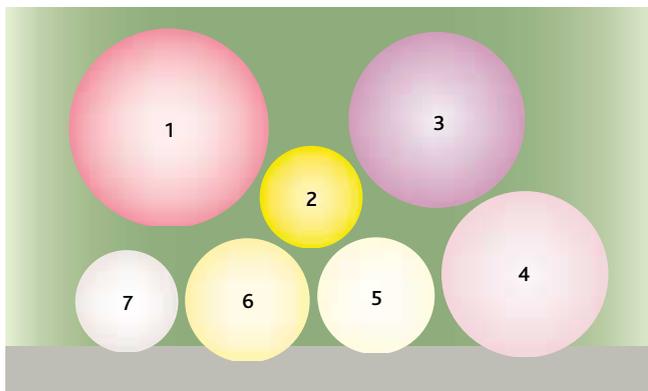


# a flowering shrub border



**T**ired of forsythia and azaleas? Here's a group of shrubs that offer an alternative to the familiar but often overplanted species. This design provides color and interest in a raised shrub border in late spring and early summer in Zones 5 to 8, and is suitable for repeating in larger spaces. Here we have provided an evergreen background (hemlocks or yew are good choices), but a wall or fence would be equally appropriate. Select a position in sun or light shade with well-drained soil; prior to planting prepare the soil thoroughly, incorporating plenty of compost or other organic matter. Interplant with spring-blooming bulbs, perennials, and annuals for season-long color. 🌱



## key to plan

- 1. Mountain laurel** (*Kalmia latifolia*) 1 plant; 7' to 15' tall and as wide; leathery evergreen leaves; clusters of pink rosette buds open almost white. Numerous cultivars. Native.
- 2. Oregon hollygrape** (*Mahonia aquifolium*) 1 plant; 3' to 6' tall and 3' to 5' wide; hollylike evergreen leaves; clusters of bright yellow flowers, followed by blue-black berries.
- 3. Dwarf lilac** (*Syringa meyeri* 'Palibin') 1 plant; 4' to 5' tall and 5' to 7' wide; 4"-long panicles of lightly fragrant, purplish pink flowers.
- 4. Rockspray** (*Cotoneaster horizontalis* 'Hessei') 1 plant; 18" tall and 3' to 6' wide; 1/4" glossy leaves turn burgundy in fall; small pinkish flowers followed by 1/4" red berries.
- 5. Cutleaf stephanandra** (*Stephanandra incisa* 'Crispa') 1 plant; 1 1/2' to 3' tall and 4' wide; mounding, arching stems with 1" bright green leaves; small white flowers.
- 6. Lydia waxwoden** (*Genista lydia*) 1 plant; 2' tall and 3' wide; arching gray-green stems, masses of golden yellow pea flowers. Drought-tolerant.
- 7. Slender deutzia** (*Deutzia gracilis* 'Nikko') 1 plant; 2' tall and 5' wide; small leaves turn burgundy in fall; masses of 3/4" white flowers.