

a fragrant border



Wouldn't a fragrance-washed terrace entice you to relax outdoors as spring gives way to summer? We selected the sweet-smelling plants in this garden bordering a flagstone patio to be at their peak around Memorial Day in Zones 4 to 8. The site should be in full sun for most of the day, with soil of average fertility. For an earlier display, interplant fragrant spring bulbs such as hyacinths, grape hyacinths, squills, and daffodils. Later-blooming perennials and annuals can be tucked in to extend the season of color. 🌱

key to plan

1. **Manchurian lilac** (*Syringa patula* 'Miss Kim') 1 plant; 6' tall and 4' to 5' wide; rounded deciduous shrub with panicles of lightly fragrant, lilac flowers. Zones 3 to 8.
2. **Variegated garden sage** (*Salvia officinalis* 'Variegata') 1 plant; 12" to 18" tall and as wide; shrubby plant with pungent gray-green leaves variegated with white; spikes of blue-purple flowers. Zones 5 to 8.
3. **Annual pink** (*Dianthus chinensis* Magic Charms Mixed) 7 plants spaced 12" apart; 12" to 15" tall and 12" wide; compact and free-flowering, covered with 1½"-wide, scented red, pink, and white blooms.
4. **Pansy** (*Viola x wittrockiana* Watercolors Hybrids) 9 plants spaced 8" apart; 8" tall and wide; a mix of delicate blue, lavender, yellow, and cream flowers with a light fragrance. Biennial.
5. **Dame's rocket** (*Hesperis matronalis*) 2 plants planted singly; 18" to 24" tall and 18" wide; loosely branched plants topped by countless deliciously scented, ½" purple flowers; cut back after flush of bloom. Zones 3 to 9.
6. **Perennial candytuft** (*Iberis sempervirens*) 5 plants planted singly; 12" tall and to 24" wide; shrubby mat of slender evergreen leaves, covered with clusters of pure white flowers; honey-scented. Zones 3 to 9.
7. **Stock** (*Matthiola incana* Ten Weeks Stock Mixed) 7 plants spaced 12" apart; 15" tall and 10" wide; single or branched stems bear lance-shaped, gray-green leaves and terminate in robust 6" spikes of strongly fragrant, double, white, pink, crimson, purple, or lavender flowers. Annual.
8. **Jupiter's beard** (*Centranthus ruber*) 3 plants spaced 18" apart; 24" to 30" tall and as wide; loose bushes with gray-green foliage; clustered heads of tiny, rosy red flowers; spicy fragrance. Self-seeds freely. Zones 4 to 9.

