



*An easy
beautiful*
flower
garden

Perennials are the types of low maintenance flower that brighten up a yard or garden but don't require much attention from gardeners. Unlike annuals, perennials last from year to year instead of needing to be replanted each year. *Better Homes & Gardens* collected a couple dozen of the best perennials.

Here's a roundup of the easiest, most beautiful of these blooms.

Blanket flower is a drought- and heat-resistant wildflower that produces bright pink and yellow petals in a daisy-like bloom. This flower can grow in poor soil and blooms through the summer and into the fall. It is short-lived.

Russian sage is a tall perennial filled with stalks that produce an abundance of tiny blue flowers. This plant blooms in the late summer and likes the sun; it survives well in drought and heat. More than anything, Russian sage needs room to grow.

Asters channel daisies as they bloom, with a beautiful sunlike appearance of petals surrounding a bright center. They bloom in late summer and fall and appear in pink, blue, purple and red, growing as tall as five feet. They can grow in flower beds or the borders of gardens and look great in a vase.

Yarrow is the flower for the first-time gardener or the returning gardener who may not have a green thumb. The flower can thrive in environments throughout the United States and can survive cold, drought and heat. Yarrow pop up as bright, flat-topped clusters in pink, yellow, white and red that last from late spring to early fall.

Black-eyed Susans bloom from midsummer until the first frost comes, often continuing to show off its golden petals repeatedly throughout the season. The flower is drought tolerant and grows well in hot, sunny environments.

Hardy hibiscus, unlike its more delicate tropical cousin, can overwinter as far north as Zone 4 in the USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map, in which winter temperatures can drop below zero. They can grow to be several feet tall, with yellow, pink and red flowers the size of plates. They need sun and a rich soil and won't grow in spring until soil temperatures heat up.

Daylilies bloom better in the sun, but they'll still produce flowers when growing in the shade. They can grow in a variety of soil conditions and are able to survive drought. All daylilies need is a lack of competition; keep grass and weeds away from these yellow-tinted white blooms.