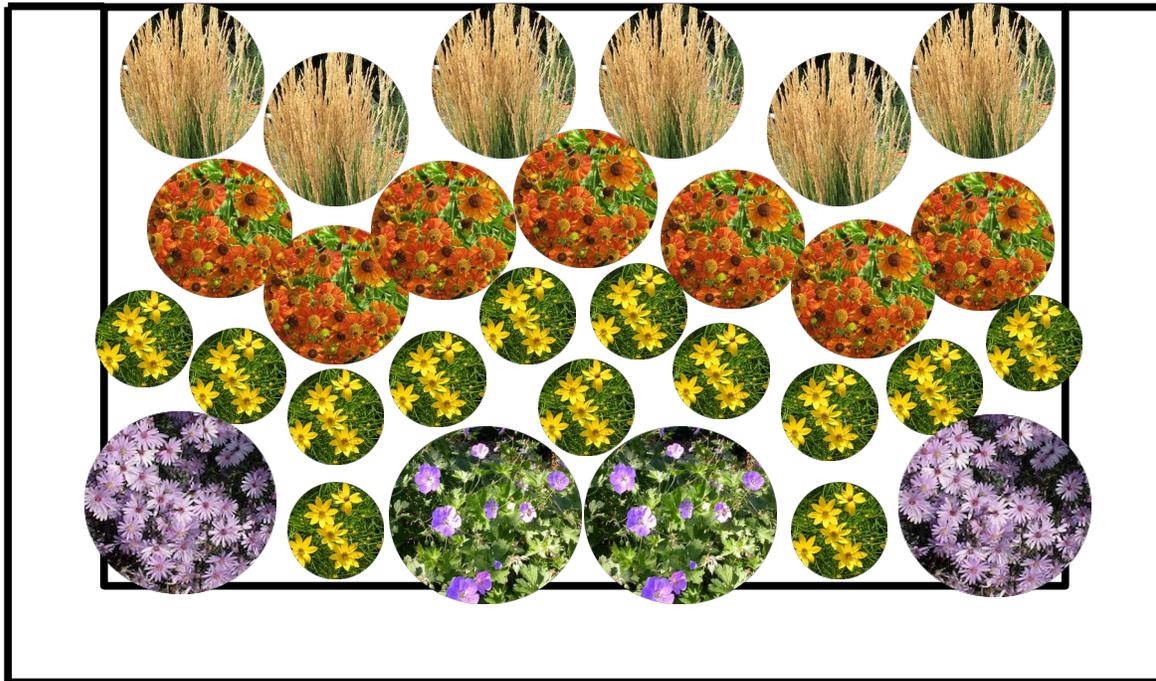


## Perennial Bed Planting Design Illustration



Scale:  $\frac{1}{2}$ " = 1'  
North: 

### Plant Key (All Photos Courtesy [Missouri Botanical Garden Plant Finder](#)):



*Aster* 'Little Carlow':

<https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?taxonid=254156&isprofile=1&basic=carlow>



*Calamagrostis x acutiflora* 'Karl Foerster':

<https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?taxonid=243336&isprofile=1&basic=calamagrostis>



*Coreopsis verticillata* 'Zagreb':

<https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?taxonid=243951&isprofile=1&basic=zagreb>



*Geranium* 'Gerwat' ROZANNE:

<https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?taxonid=254303&isprofile=1&basic=rozanne>



*Helenium* 'Moerheim Beauty':

<https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?taxonid=248711&isprofile=1&basic=moerheim>

**Notes:**

The 6' x 10' planting area is surrounded on three sides by a 12" wide stone wall or other edging.

This illustration mixes photos that show a plan view (looking down from above, such as the *Asters*) with an elevation view (looking at an object from the front or side, such as the *Calamagrostis*). These perspectives typically are not combined in one illustration.

The photos do not represent the exact number of plants to be installed but suggest approximate quantities. To determine the number of plants, see the Spacing requirements column on the Perennial Bed Planting Design Spreadsheet and decide on the level of density. Close planting will slow weed growth and create an interwoven plant community. Less dense planting will provide space for appreciating the individual plants and a more formal garden bed appearance.

The estimated flowering sequence is *Calamagrostis* (May-February), followed by *Coreopsis* (May-June), *Geranium* (May-July), *Helenium* (August-October), and *Aster* (September-October). These times may vary depending on cultural conditions and whether expired flowers are removed to encourage a second bloom. Adding spring bulbs or early flowering perennials will extend the seasons of interest.

Consider leaving all plant foliage in place over winter, to provide habitat for pollinators and in some cases to protect the plant. Prune the plants if they appear out of control and cut them back to about 6" in early to mid-spring (or follow specific cut-back instructions for the different plants).

As the plants begin to grow and fill in, pay attention to their health and the overall effect. Add or remove plants to adjust the design.