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## Plan your garden's colour scheme

Of all the things that inspire us when we're planning our gardens, the colours of the flowers and leaves often top the list. The key to a magnificent garden lies in the choice of colors and the juxtaposition of shades. Choose a colour scheme, with one main colour and two or three complementary colours from the same palette.

The warm colours (yellow, orange and red) produce a joyous feeling. Their invigorating effect makes them perfect to place near the entryway, to make the whole garden more inviting. The cool colours (blue, purple and pink) are soothing, reassuring, soft and romantic. These colours add depth to relaxing corners and water gardens. Shrub foliage, a constant colour throughout the whole summer, should also be considered. In darker corners, make use of pale colours to add light.

Colours and seasons: blissful harmony!

Why not play colours and seasons off against each other? If the lilac crowns your garden with pale purple in spring, choose red and pink roses for summer and bring in fall with the yellows and oranges of ornamental grasses...

### Natural gardening

Natural gardening no longer means using no products whatsoever and allowing plant diseases and pests to destroy your garden. What it means today is learning about gardening methods and using green-thumb tricks and sound advice to reduce product use to a minimum.

Here is some advice that will help you on your way to natural gardening:



- Good soil preparation
- Regular manual weeding
- Regular, deep watering
- Buy healthy, resistant plants
- Use mulch
- Inspect your plants regularly
- Identify the cause of any damage (disease, insects, mold, etc.)
- Consult with a specialist to help you decide which products to use

### Basic gardening kit:

- Natural lawn fertilizer 7-3-1
- Natural fertilizer for annuals, perennials and roses 4-3-8
- Natural transplant fertilizer 4-10-2
- Natural tomato and vegetable fertilizer 4-5-7
- Natural garden and flower fertilizer 4-5-7

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—By Nathalie Houde, Landscape Architect, Botanix, News Canada

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