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## Add variety to your garden with these bloomin' colourful ideas

If planting hot-weather bedding plants like marigolds and petunias is getting tiresome, consider the following spring and summer flower recommendations from The Home Depot Canada to add more variety all season long:

**Perennial power.** Perennial plants are the backbone of the flower garden because they last throughout the seasons. Some plants are short-lived, but old favorites like daylilies, hostas and peonies can thrive for decades and keep the garden looking lively.

**That's the balm.** Bee balm flowers come in fuzzy clusters of two to four feet high plants in red, pink, white or lavender. This flower flourishes in moist, well-drained soil, in mostly sunny conditions.

**Golden.** Black-eyed Susan's come in several varieties and can radiate bright golden blooms all Summer long. This low maintenance flower can survive in average soil conditions and is tolerant of drought.

**Consider Croci.** Crocus is a plant that is most popular in bulb gardens across Canada. There are both Spring and Fall blooming crocus varieties that can enhance gardens when other plants are long gone. This plant likes well drained soil and is most often found in the sunny locations.

**Purple haze.** Purple coneflowers feature pinkish droopy petals that surround dome-like centres. Since the flower can stand to heights of five-feet tall, it is recommended to tuck this perennial behind lower growing plants.

**Sunflower tower.** Summer and sunflowers go hand-in-hand. The sunflower requires rich soil and is valuable for forming a background screen, capable of reaching heights of eight to 12 feet high. When planting this flower, bear in mind their rapid growth could cause area competition with other garden plants.

**Weeds be gone.** Weeds are a nuisance for all plants in the garden. Getting on top of the weeding early translates to a lot less work later. Weeds are easier to pull out while their roots are still shallow in the Spring.

For more seasonal flowering tips, visit The Home Depot in your community.

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