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## Colourful blooms for the coming months

With warmer weather on the way, it is time to focus attention on the garden.

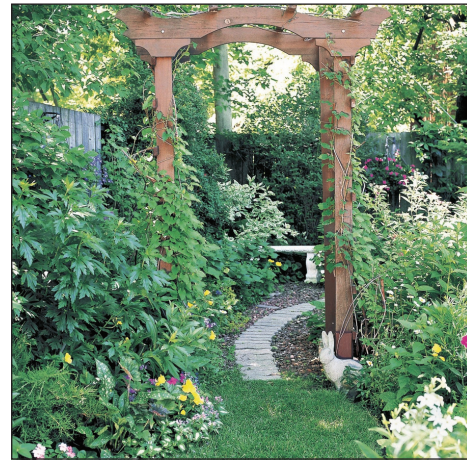
Before you plant, think about the type of soil found in your garden, how much sun exposure your garden gets and how much time you have for garden maintenance. These three factors will help determine the type of flowers that work best for your lifestyle. Now, get your "green thumb" ready and consider the following spring flower recommendations from The Home Depot Canada to add blooming 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 favourites like daylilies, hostas and peonies can thrive for decades and keep the garden looking lively.

**Balmy blooms.** Bee balm flowers come in fuzzy clusters on 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 flower.** Black-eyed Susans come in several varieties and can radiate bright golden blooms all season long. This low maintenance flower can survive in average soil conditions and is tolerant of drought.

**Crisp Croci.** Crocus is a plant that is popular in most 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. Sunflowers require rich soil and are 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 infringe on other garden plants.

**Garden maintenance.** Gardening doesn't end with planting. Now that your blooms are in place, get on top of the weeding early on. Weeds are easier to pull out while their roots are still shallow in the Spring. Next, consider an all natural fertilizer to help promote vigorous garden and flower bed growth all season long and remember to water.

More seasonal flowering tips are available online at [homedepot.ca](http://homedepot.ca).

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