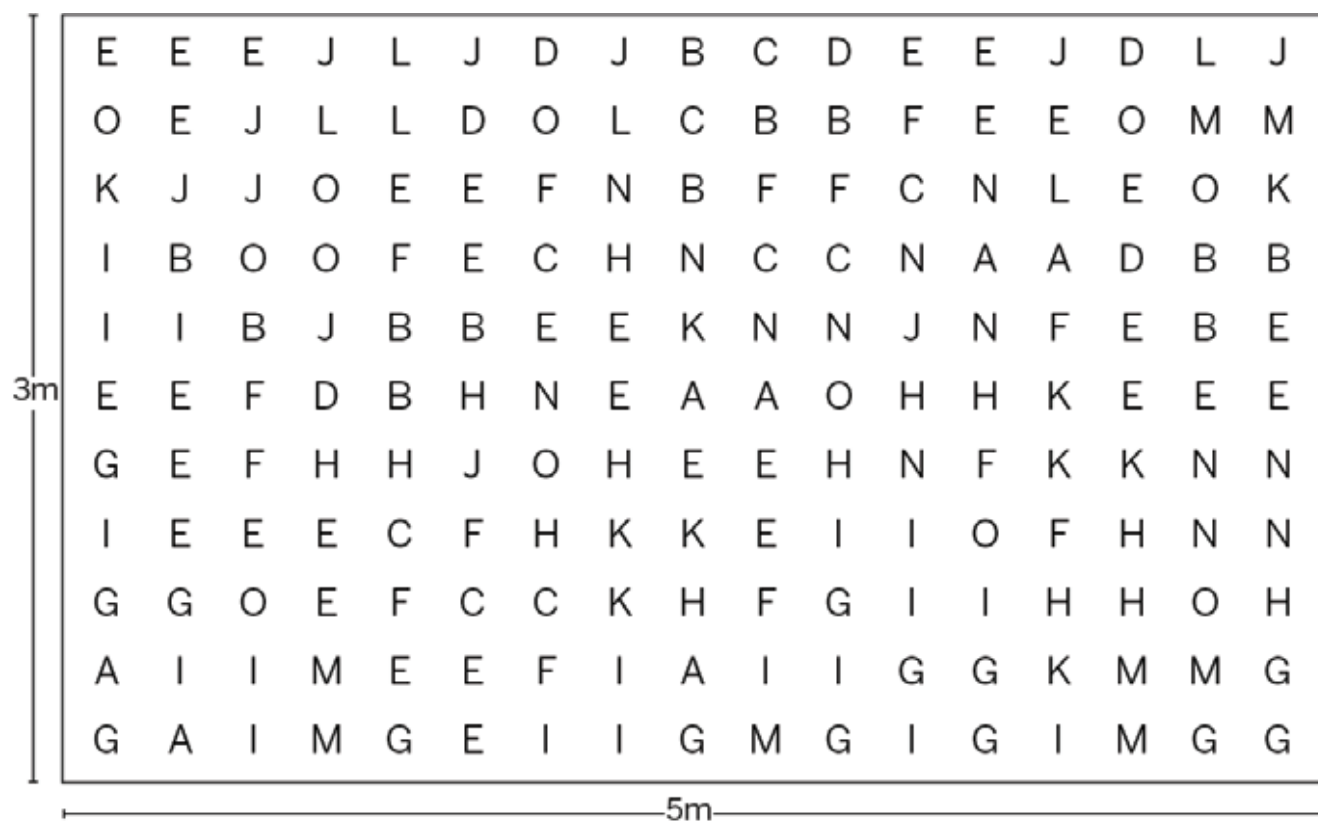


Bright & Beautiful – designer Julie Toll plants a border mainly of annuals grown from seed to give you a sensational display of flowers all summer long – and save money, too.

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A *Dahlia* 'Honka' × 7 Lightly fragrant flowers in late summer: 60-90cm tall

B *Crocsmia masoniorum* 'Rowallane Yellow' × 12 Arching stems of upward-facing golden yellow flowers. Height 90-120cm. Plant from corm.

C *Melica transsilvanica* 'Red Spire' × 9 Satiny spires of reddish spikelets borne in early summer: 60-90cm tall.

D *Leonotis nepetifolia* 'Staircase' × 6 Unusual whorls of bright orange flowers up a stem 1.5-1.8m tall.

E *Bidens ferulifolia* 'Golden Goddess' × 33 Half-hardy annual flowering from June until the first frosts. Height 45cm.

F *Scabiosa atropurpurea* 'Chat Noir' × 14 Sweetly fragrant pincushion flowers that attract insects. 90cm tall.

G *Briza maxima* × 14 Beautiful quaking grass for the front of the border: 60cm tall.

H *Rudbeckia hirta* 'Irish Eyes' × 14 Pointed yellow petals radiate from the central olive green eye. Height 70-80cm. Half-hardy annual.

I *Agastache* 'Apricot Sprite' × 18 Spikes of tasselled florets and fragrant foliage. Half-hardy perennial. 45cm tall.

J *Pennisetum setaceum* × 11 Makes a good backdrop to the flowers. 60-180cm tall.

K *Craspedia globosa* × 10 With globose flower heads above silver foliage. Ideal for drying. Height 60-90cm. A half-hardy annual.

L *Verbascum x hybridum* 'Banana Custard' × 6 Remove spent stems to encourage a second flush of flowers. Hardy biennial. 1.5-1.8m tall.

M *Centaurea moschata* 'Dairy Maid' × 8 Sweetly scented, fluffy flowers from early summer: 60cm tall.

N *Coreopsis tinctoria* 'Quills And Thrills' × 13 Unusual fluted blooms of red and yellow all summer: Height 90cm. Half-hardy annual.

O *Helianthus* 'Moonshine' × 12 An accent plant in the border. Height 150cm sun/partial shade.