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Choosing the perfect climbing plants for your garden with British Garden Centres

If space is at a premium in your outdoor space fear not, climbing plants offer a perfect solution, transforming walls, fences, and trellises into blooming delights. Climbers add lush greenery and floral displays without sacrificing precious ground square footage making them ideal for patios, balconies, and compact gardens, where every inch counts. Picking the perfect climbing plants for your UK garden depends on a few factors like how much sunlight the area gets, how big you want the plant to grow, and of course, what kind of flowers or foliage you prefer. The team at British Garden Centres has put together some of the best options.

Clematis: These are the one of the climbing champions of climbing plants in our gardens. Not only do they come in a dazzling array of colours, but their blooms can grace your walls or trellises for months on end. Clematis come in vibrant purples, delicate blushes, or stunning blues to complement any outdoor space, no matter how small. Large-flowered varieties can cover expansive areas, while more compact options are ideal for trellises or smaller walls. With proper care, including keeping their roots cool and moist and following a strategic pruning plan, these climbers will transform your UK garden into a vertical haven of blooms.

Climbing roses: Climbing roses are a fantastic choice for bringing a touch of fairytale romance, colour and scent to your garden. Their flowers, boasting the classic elegance and captivating fragrance of roses, will cascade down walls, up arches or weave their way across trellises. To ensure their success, remember that climbing roses are sun worshippers, thriving in bright locations. Since they're climbers and not self-supporting, providing a sturdy trellis or other support system is crucial to guide their growth and maximise their romantic floral display.

Honeysuckle: Honeysuckle offers a delightful combination of beauty and benefits for your outdoor space. This fast-growing climber adorns walls and fences with fragrant blooms that attract a symphony of pollinators, like bees and butterflies. While some honeysuckle varieties boast stunning evergreen foliage, others showcase vibrant seasonal changes, offering year-round interest. They thrive in sunny spots, but can also adapt to dappled shade, making them a versatile choice for a variety of locations in your garden.

Jasmine: Jasmine, another favourite of gardeners is a fragrant climber, who graces gardens with its delicate white blooms throughout spring and summer. This delightful climber thrives in both sunny and partially shaded areas, making it adaptable to various locations. Its intoxicating fragrance adds a touch of magic to your garden, while its ability to tolerate dappled shade allows you to introduce its beauty into areas with less direct sunlight.



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Passiflora: Passion flowers, with their captivating exotic blooms, can add a touch of the tropics to any space. While not entirely frost-resistant, their relative ease of care makes them a charming climber. They'll thrive in a sunny spot or dappled shade, perfectly adaptable to many garden situations. With well-drained soil and regular watering, especially in hot weather, they'll reward you with a stunning floral display throughout the summer. So, if you're looking for a unique and conversation-starting climber who brings a bit of the exotic to your garden, look no further than the passiflora.

Wisteria: With its cascading waterfalls of purple, blue, or white flowers, wisteria creates a breathtaking spectacle in spring. This vigorous climber grows fast, demanding a sunny spot and a sturdy support system to contain its enthusiasm. Be prepared for regular pruning to keep it from taking over your entire garden but if you're willing to put in the effort, wisteria can be a magnificent addition.

Ceanothus: Ceanothus, also known as Californian Lilac, is a sunshine-loving with vibrant blue, pink, or white blooms, and is a charming climber for gardens. It thrives in sunny spots, making them perfect for south-facing walls or fences where they can soak up the rays and reward you with a dazzling floral display. Ceanothus is relatively low-maintenance and once established, requires well-drained soil and just a single prune after flowering to keep them in shape and encourage even more blooms next season.

Julian Palphramand, Head of Plants at British Garden Centres said: "Climbing plants offer a multitude of benefits for your garden. They act as natural thermostats, shading your garden in hot weather and providing wind protection. Climbing plants can also create privacy screens, perfect for balconies or patios in busy areas. Additionally, they attract pollinators with their flowers and help purify the air by absorbing pollutants Pop down to your local centre and see what climbing plants can enhance your garden."

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About the business:

British Garden Centres (BGC) is the UK's largest family-owned garden centre group with 62 centres around the country. The group is owned and led by The Stubbs family, who also own and operate Woodthorpe Leisure Park in Lincolnshire.

BGC was launched in 1987 with the opening of Woodthorpe Garden Centre funded by brothers Charles and Robert Stubbs. Since 2018 it has expanded rapidly with the acquisition of 50 garden centres allowing it to grow from its heartland to the business it is now with 62 garden centres spread from Carmarthen to Ramsgate, Wimborne to East Durham.

The group has a team of 2,700 colleagues working across the garden centres, restaurants, 2 growing nurseries, 4 distribution centres, Woodthorpe Leisure Park and Woody's Restaurant & Bar.

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