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## Multiply your garden with summer plant cuttings tips from British Garden Centres

June is the perfect time to grow your garden with new plants, and it is easy to create more plants for free by taking cuttings. Whether you're just starting or looking to expand your garden, propagating from cuttings is a straightforward way to fill your beds, borders, and containers with favourites such as salvias, penstemons, fuchsias, pelargoniums, and a host of other seasonal stars. The team at British Garden Centres share how you can grow from cuttings to increase the number of plants in your garden.

### What plants can I take cuttings from?

Taking cuttings is a well known gardening technique that allows you to grow new plants from existing ones. It's a wonderful way for the green-fingered to get hands-on with their garden, and with a little care, you'll soon have a thriving selection of young plants ready to grow on. Always use clean, sharp tools to take your cuttings, and try to do this in the morning when the plants are full of moisture.

**Salvias** are a brilliant plant to start taking cuttings from. Salvias are known and loved for their colourful, nectar-rich flowers that are a magnet for bees and butterflies, and they root readily from softwood cuttings at this time of year. Look for healthy, non-flowering shoots and snip off a piece about 10cm long. Remove the lower leaves, dip the cut end in rooting powder if you have some, and pop it into a pot of moist, gritty compost. Keep the pot in a warm, bright spot out of direct sun, and you'll soon see roots forming, creating a new young salvia plant for you.

**Penstemons** are another excellent candidate for taking cuttings from. These cottage garden favourites are renowned for their long flowering period and come in a range of colours to suit any garden setting. Like salvias, they're easy to propagate from softwood cuttings in early summer. Take a shoot just below a leaf joint, trim away the lower leaves, and place the cutting in compost. Keep the compost damp and cover the pot with a clear plastic bag to maintain humidity while the roots develop for your new plants.

**Fuchsias** are popular for their pendant blooms and are a staple for summer containers and hanging baskets, coming in both upright and trailing plants. They are very simple to propagate by choosing a healthy shoot, cutting just below a leaf, and planting in a mix of compost and perlite or sand. Place them somewhere warm and sheltered, and in a few weeks, you should see new growth—a sure sign that roots have formed.



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**Pelargoniums and geraniums** are another favourite for summer colour, which can also be grown from cuttings. They thrive in pots and borders, and taking cuttings is a great way to keep your plants going from year to year. Unlike some other plants, pelargonium cuttings prefer a slightly drier environment, so pop the cuttings into compost, water sparingly, and place them in a bright spot indoors or in a greenhouse.

**Lavender** is an English garden favourite, loved for its fragrance and bee-friendly blooms, and now is an ideal time to take cuttings. To propagate your lavender, choose a healthy, non-flowering shoot and cut a piece about 7–10cm long, just below a leaf node. Strip the lower leaves and plant the cutting into a pot filled with gritty compost or a mix of compost and sand for good drainage. Water lightly, then cover and place the pot somewhere warm and bright, but out of direct sunlight. Once the cuttings have rooted, pot them on individually and gradually acclimatise them before planting outside.

**Rosemary** is an herb that's easy to propagate from cuttings in early summer. Rosemary cuttings root well in a mix of compost and sharp sand or perlite. Insert your cuttings around the edge of a small pot, water gently, and cover with a plastic bag or place in a propagator to maintain humidity. Once roots have formed, usually after a few weeks, pot up the new plants and gradually introduce them to life outdoors.

**Clematis** can be grown on from cuttings this summer for multiple blooms next year. Start by picking a healthy stem that's not too bendy or too stiff, and then snip off a section between leaf joints, removing some of the leaves. Dip the cut end into rooting powder, then plant it into a pot with damp compost, and cover with a plastic bag to keep the air moist. Keep it warm and bright but out of direct sunlight, and in a few weeks, you should have a brand new clematis plant!

**Hydrangeas** are great for cuttings during June to mid-July. We recommend you cut in the morning when the stems are firm and well hydrated, and choose healthy, non-flowering shoots about 10–15cm long, cutting just below a pair of leaves. Insert the cutting about halfway into a pot filled with moist seed and cutting compost. Water well and cover the pot with a clear plastic bag to create a mini greenhouse, ensuring the bag doesn't touch the leaves, and place it somewhere warm and shaded. When your plants are about 20cm tall, they are ready to plant outside.

**Julian Palphramand, Head of Plants at British Garden Centres**, said: "Starting with cuttings is a simple and rewarding way to grow your plants even if you're new to gardening. With a little patience and care, you'll soon see your plants take root and flourish."

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British Garden Centres (BGC) is the UK's largest family-owned garden centre group, with 73 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 73 garden centres spread from Carmarthen to Ramsgate, Wimborne to East Durham.

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