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Bring your home to life with British Garden Centres' top picks for cut flowers

If you're looking to bring fresh, beautiful flowers into your home, British Garden Centres has you covered. We've handpicked the best plants, all grown right here in our nurseries, to help you create stunning cut flower arrangements. Whether you want to start a dedicated cutting garden or just pick a few blooms throughout the summer, these blooms offer vibrant colours and long lasting displays that will brighten any room in your home.

Hydrangeas

Hydrangeas are a timeless favourite for cut flower lovers. Their large, globe-like or cone flower heads bring volume and a lush, romantic look to any arrangement. Available in a range of colours from white and pink to blue and purple, hydrangeas are ideal for adding both colour and structure to any outdoor setting but can also be brought into your home. Plant your hydrangeas with moist, fertile soil and partial shade for the ultimate cut flower.

Agapanthus

Agapanthus makes a beautiful cut flower with its clusters of blue or white trumpet-shaped flowers atop tall, elegant stems. Loved for their height and architectural form, agapanthus add drama and height to cut arrangements. They thrive in full sun and well-drained soil, rewarding gardeners with striking displays through summer.

Delphiniums

Delphiniums are loved for their tall, spired stems lined with densely packed flowers in shades of blue, purple, pink, and white. Their classic 'cottage garden' charm and long stems make them excellent for bouquets needing height and flair. Delphiniums flourish in sunny, sheltered locations with enriched, well-drained soil, and may need support as they grow.

Alstroemerias

Also known as Peruvian Lily, alstroemerias offer colour and thrive when being used as cut flowers in a vase. With distinctive speckled petals in shades of white, yellow, pink, and purple, these blooms add texture and pops of colour to your cut flower arrangements. They're easy to grow, preferring sun and well-draining soil, and bloom reliably from early summer into autumn.



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Roses

No bouquet is complete without classic roses, the quintessential English flower. Their cottage garden beauty, fragrance, and colours make roses essential for any cut flower arrangement. Many modern rose varieties have been bred especially for cutting, featuring strong stems and excellent vase life so you can enjoy them indoors. Roses thrive in sunny spots with rich, well-drained soil. For best results, cut in the early morning, and strip leaves below the waterline before arranging.

Verbena

For a lighter, airy touch in cut flower displays and bouquets, Verbena bonariensis is an inspired choice. Its slender stems topped with clusters of small, lilac-purple flowers add movement and structure to mixed arrangements. Verbena is easy to grow, especially in full sun with moist but well-drained soil, and it will bloom from summer well into autumn, as well as being a magnet for pollinators.

Growing tips

When it comes to growing these plants for cut flowers, prepare your beds with plenty of organic matter, such as compost or well-rotted manure, before planting or potting up.

As your plants grow, feed them regularly and apply mulch to help conserve moisture and suppress weeds, especially during the height of summer. We also recommend supporting the taller flowers like delphiniums with garden stakes to prevent the stems from toppling in strong winds or after heavy rain. This small step makes a big difference in keeping the blooms upright and in top condition for cutting.

Timing is important for picking blooms at their prime for your cut flower display. We advise cutting stems early in the morning, when the plants are well hydrated and the flowers at their freshest. Select stems just as buds are beginning to open for longer displays indoors. Before arranging them in a vase, strip any leaves that would fall below the water line, as it helps keep the water clear and prolongs the life of your flowers.

Scott Morahan, Group Nursery Manager at British Garden Centres, said, "Growing these beautiful cut flowers right here in our nurseries means we can ensure exceptional quality and freshness when they arrive on our garden centre benches. From hydrangeas to roses, each plant is carefully grown to provide vibrant blooms that last longer, so our customers can enjoy stunning arrangements in their homes for weeks."



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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 1990 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.

The group has a team of 3500 colleagues working across the garden centres, restaurants, 2 growing nurseries, 4 distribution centres and Woodthorpe Leisure Park and Woody's Restaurant & Bar.

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