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Chapter 1 : Colour Schemes For the Flower Garden by Jekyll, Gertrude

Anyone who wants to plan a garden large or small should turn to this little gem written over 80 years ago. Miss Jekyll was the definitive garden planner, her ideas of colours and seasonal planting will inspire you to create a beautiful garden of your own.

How to use color artfully, creatively and accidentally in the garden By Joanna Fortnam Share: Planting for color is a complex subject that can be intimidating. The key thing to remember is that color is a gift to revel in, not a problem to be solved—in fact, creative accidents can be the best way forward. Here are some starting points to inspire. They, more than any others, need the flash of scarlet, the cloud of white, the drift of apricot or buff to kindle them into life. The range of blue is enormous, from uplifting summer skies to melancholy mists. Think of the number of mascot flowers that are blue—Texas bluebonnets, California ceanothus, Swiss gentians, English bluebells—this color carries emotional heft. Gertrude Jekyll used blue to create the illusion of greater depth in the same way that landscape painters use misty-blue mountains, so blues were always at the most distant end of her flower borders. Try pink, cream and silver for the same effect. The Himalayan poppy *Meconopsis betonicifolia*, above and English delphiniums are classic examples of true blue flowers, but both are tricky to grow. Look to amsonias, lupines, ceanothus, salvias, phlox and other American natives for easy blues. Little did VSW realize that with this suggestion she would launch the cult of the white garden, a simple idea endlessly reinvented by designers keen to show off their paces. A white garden, just like the little black dress on the catwalk, spells style. Emotionally, white may evoke associations with peace and purity, but visually it is a prickly customer that commands attention. Small white flowers woven among colors can give a lift, but a block of white creates too strong a contrast that stops the eye. The key to working with all white is to isolate it the Sissinghurst garden is entirely enclosed. At the Juntunen garden, Washington above, *Rosa mulliganii* and regal lilies are classic choices. Energy, passion, power—associations with red are strong stuff. Some gardeners feel timid about using it, but red is not necessarily aggressive if you mix it with fresh green foliage. Red sits opposite green on the color wheel, and thus is its complementary color. In the garden, where a green canvas is a given, the effect is of popping energy and pizzazz. Red attracts attention, but works best at mid- to close range because on the whole it absorbs light and will be lost in a shady border or at a distance. Every year the public garden of Chanticleer in Philadelphia creates hot borders using different annuals and tropicals see [www](#). *Crocsmia masoniorum* above is a stalwart of the red border. Brown may not feature on the color wheel, but once frost sets in, shades of brown, along with silver and gray, are the flattering neutrals that the well-dressed grass or perennial will be wearing. The popularity of ornamental grasses especially has raised consciousness of the glowing, mellowing effects of brown, especially when backlit by low winter sun. The bronze spiky forms of New Zealand flax punctuate the above winter border of tall pampas grasses, *miscanthus* and *pennisetum*. There are so many green gardens, so diverse in concept and geography—Japanese moss gardens, French parterres of box and grass, tropical jungles, informal conifer gardens. Green restores the senses in a way we take for granted, but designers should pay attention: In shade, lime green or chartreuse will sparkle and light the darkest places. In both formal and informal gardens, green provides the architecture: Late in the season when everything else has collapsed, clipped evergreen shapes hold a garden together. Alan and Linda Dietrick. Mount Cuba Center in Delaware, dedicated to the native wildflowers of the Piedmont region see [www](#). *Asarum europaeum* above has deep green leaves that shine in the shade. Yellow has attracted more than its fair share of controversy. In the fifties it was unpopular with modernists, who regarded it as jarring. And as Christopher Lloyd points out, there are snobbish overtones to yellow prejudice, at least in England: It is also associated with sickness, i. Crathes Castle, Scotland, has a little known Golden Garden which is a virtuoso performance in the key of yellow see [www](#). The borders of Hadspen House, England, gardened by Canadians Nori and Sandra Pope, show how color harmonies work—this tapestry of lupines, roses, *senecio*, *verbascum* and grasses creates an uplifting sunshine. Dahlias

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are always good for a shot of solid color. A color much debated does black exist in nature? Black works both as a harmonious element and as a dizzying contrast: Use black plants to extend the darkest tones of red or purple, and provide velvety depths to a fiery foreground. For high contrast, pair it with gold or chartreuse foliage and pale pink or baby-blue flowers to inject drama into what would otherwise be a routine exercise. The above medal-winning garden at Chelsea paired a dark Japanese maple with a foreground of mondo grass, threaded with red, red roses and sparkling alumroot heuchera. Take a Gothic approach to spring with black parrot tulips pictured above. Free Weekly Newsletter Sign up for weekly gardening inspiration and design tips Join thousands of readers, from avid to casual gardeners, for plant information, gardening solutions, and design inspiration to make the most of your outdoor spaces.

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Chapter 2 : Books by Gertrude Jekyll (Author of Gertrude Jekyll's Colour Schemes for the Flower Garden)

Illustrations of some of Gertrude Jekyll's favourite plants augment full-colour interpretations of her planting plans to convey an instant impression of her aims. Gertrude Jekyll is the author of Colour in the Flower Garden and a new edition entitled Colour Schemes for the Flower Garden.

Color Gardens before Color Photography Robin Veder For almost 20 years, American authorities on garden design described the walled, sunken garden on the Thornewood estate near Tacoma, Washington, as one of the most beautiful gardens in the United States and England. While such mixed beds were termed informal, their planting schemes were scientifically formulated to create color-determined optical effects. In the typical Jekyll-influenced flower border, complementary colors succeeded each other in tonal progressions. Cool tones of blue and lilac with pale yellow and white highlights graduated to warmer yellows, oranges, and reds, before climaxing in scarlet. The colors then receded through the same spectrum to finish in the cooler, paler tints. This compositional principle was a three-dimensional rendering of the color schemes that Jekyll admired in the work of British landscape painter J. M. W. Turner. Following Turner, Jekyll adopted red as the color of matter, yellow as light, and blue as distance when she formulated her garden borders as pictures to be seen in totality, as unified compositions. Color-themed gardens composed of analogous hues were similarly enhanced by minute touches of complementary color, like flashes of yellow within a predominantly purple border. When members of the posh and almost exclusively female Garden Club of America GCA , many of who spent enormous sums of money on their fashionable color gardens, visited Thornewood in July , a visitor responded in awe: Color gardening only works with a subtle interplay of contrasting and complementary colors, which designers planned out in extreme detail. A careful orchestration of seasonal effects was only possible when horticultural dealers and customers agreed on color nomenclature. In the horticulture trade, it was customary, even if not strictly ethical, to invent new color names to hype the introduction of newly-hybridized or imported flowers. For the next 20 years, the committee was powered mainly by the efforts of landscape architect Fletcher Steele and prolific garden writer Louise Yeomans King. Steele was a landscape architect known for his innovative sculptural use of form and color. For years, Steele devoted time to registering the colors of named flowers, recording for each its values in both sun and shade. When the GCA Color Chart Committee first formed, there were several color charts in use by horticulturists and naturalists, not to mention others created by and for painters, cloth dyers, and other trades. Most color charts were physically unwieldy, cost-prohibitive, hard to acquire, and often difficult for the non-scientist to interpret. Ridgway conscientiously explained to readers that he first selected colors, and then assigned descriptive, as opposed to definitive, names: With the Ridgway chart in one hand and a garden catalogue in the other, garden club members ordered plants in larger numbers with a greater sense of control. Courtesy Library of Congress. During this same period, professional horticultural organizations and trade journals only occasionally discussed the question of color nomenclature. When they did, it was usually in the context of improvements in catalogue printing technology, or in tandem with the more active debates over Latin and common plant names. In 1906, the Royal Horticultural Society collaborated with the British Colour Council to produce a Horticultural Colour Chart; it was destined to become the favored chart for horticulturists, but at the time, few professionals other than Fletcher Steele even acknowledged the significance of the new chart. Glowing Illusions of Color The dilemma of producing accurate color representations of plants also plagued garden photographers. GCA members wanted to see color gardens in other regions, and to show off their own color gardens to friends in the field. Although the clubs did organize garden tours, most color garden beds were devoted to one season, and enjoyed only a few weeks of full glory. Some estates extended the blooming season by replanting color gardens with greenhouse-forced plants or later-blooming varieties. This kind of labor-intensive effort required a large crew of gardeners, an expense only possible at large, well-funded estates, like Thornewood. Color gardens were transient phenomena, and the GCA would not be satisfied with black-and-white prints, even if featured in House

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Beautiful. Without reliable and durable broad-spectrum color photography, the challenge of recording color gardens was met, with moderate success, by hand-tinting photographic prints and transparencies. During the 1880s and 1890s, garden club members individually and collectively hired professional photographers and colorists to produce hand-tinted glass lantern slides that were shipped around the country for garden club presentations. Lantern slides from this period were made of a black-and-white film emulsion positive sandwiched between two glass plates. The fragile three-by-four-inch slides were then projected and enlarged by a lantern illuminated by a kerosene lamp, carbon arc lighting, or other light source. It is the projection, not the physical slide that was the intended artistic product. Asahel Curtis, hand-colored lantern slide of Thornewood, These layered images exist on a precarious border between mechanical documentation and manual artistry. While some colorists were clearly either knowledgeable about plant materials or working from notes taken on site by the photographer or gardener, the images themselves show that other colorists were either uninformed or uninterested in botanical accuracy. Even Malby, careful as he may have been in painting his lantern slide of the Thornewood color garden, also strayed from representational accuracy.

Chapter 3 : CABINET // Color Gardens before Color Photography

G. Jekyll's Colour Schemes for the Flower Garden by Jekyll Originally published in 1899, this book by the garden designer Gertrude Jekyll is an expression of her painterly ideas on colour, and takes the form of an instructive tour of her own garden at Munstead Wood.

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A color moment: If you can't get to Sissinghurst, the silver garden at Longwood Gardens, Pennsylvania, by Isabelle Greene, which uses a palette of arid and succulent plants, is outstanding (calendrierdelascience.com).