



TAME A SLIPPERY SLOPE

Gardening on a slope is tough. Use short retaining walls to keep the ground in place and create smaller planting areas. Low-care plants mean that you don't have to climb up and down all season long to tend them. That way you can spend more time wandering along the path through the garden and stopping to smell the flowers.



THE GARDEN'S PALETTE

Code	Plant Name	No. to Plant	Blooms	Type	Cold/Heat Zones	Height/Width	Special Features
A	Holly <i>Ilex cornuta</i> 'Carissa'	18	White; spring	Evergreen shrub	6-9/9-1	3-4 ft./3-4 ft.	Glossy green leaves have single spine at tip; great background for flowering plants; shear annually in early spring to maintain shape
B	Peony <i>Paeonia lactiflora</i> 'Primevère'	18	White with yellow; midspring	Perennial	3-8/8-1	34 in./32 in.	Anemone-like blooms; cut buds before they're fully open to bring inside; deadhead faded flowers
C	Perennial geranium <i>Geranium</i> 'Johnson's Blue'	49	Blue-violet; spring to fall	Perennial	3-8/8-1	18 in./30 in.	Fast-growing; cut back by at least half when it gets leggy or falls open in mid- to late summer; may have small rebloom
D	Coreopsis <i>Coreopsis verticillata</i> 'Zagreb'	31	Yellow; summer	Perennial	4-9/9-1	12 in./18 in.	Blooms from late spring into late summer; deadhead promptly with shears to encourage rebloom in fall
E	English lavender <i>Lavandula angustifolia</i> 'Hidcote'	21	Lavender; summer	Perennial	5-8/8-1	18 in./18 in.	Excellent fresh cut or dried flowers; drought-tolerant; attracts butterflies; fragrant flowers and foliage
F	Maiden grass <i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> 'Morning Light'	11	Red-bronze; late summer	Perennial	5-9/9-1	5 ft./3 ft.	Narrow green leaves with white margins; drought-tolerant; seedheads provide winter interest
G	Gold flame honeysuckle <i>Lonicera xheckrottii</i> 'Goldflame'	5	Red and yellow; spring to fall	Vine	4-9/9-1	15 ft./spreads	Purple-pink buds open to red-yellow flowers; cut back promptly with shears to encourage rebloom in fall
H	Coral bells <i>Heuchera</i> Dolce® Crème Brûlée	21	Cream; summer	Perennial	4-9/9-1	8-16 in./12-24 in.	Tiny cream flowers; bronze and peach foliage; prefers light shade and moist soil
I	River birch <i>Betula nigra</i> Heritage® ('Cully')	2	NA	Deciduous tree	3-9/9-1	40 ft./25-30 ft.	Peeling, bronze bark; thrives in moist soils, but tolerates drier soils too; can get larger under optimum conditions