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## Flowers for cutting

These make good, long-lasting cut flowers.

Amaranth/ <i>Amaranthus</i>	Globe amaranth (Bachelor's button)/ <i>Gomphrenia</i>
Floss flower/ <i>Ageratum</i>	Hydrangea
Aster	Larkspur/ <i>Delphinium</i>
Corn flower (Bachelor's button)/ <i>Centaurea cyanus</i>	Marigold/ <i>Tagetes</i>
Black-eyed Susan/ <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Nasturtium/ <i>Tropaeolum</i>
Pot marigold/ <i>Calendula</i>	Flowering tobacco/ <i>Nicotiana</i>
Cock's comb/ <i>Celosia</i>	Peruvian lily/ <i>Alstroemeria</i>
Corn cockle/ <i>Agrostemma githago</i>	Rose
Cosmos	Pincushion flower/ <i>Scabiosa</i>
Dahlia	Stock/ <i>Matthiola incana</i>
Pinks, Carnations, Sweet William/ <i>Dianthus</i>	Sweet pea/ <i>Lathyrus odoratus</i>
Feverfew/ <i>Tanacetum parthenium</i>	Zinnia
Gladiola (Sword lily)/ <i>Gladiolus</i>	

### Top tips for making cut flowers last longer

The best way to keep flowers fresher longer is to put them in the refrigerator every evening. Another option is to dissolve 2-3 tablespoons of sugar and 2 tablespoons of vinegar per quart of water, then change the water every 2-3 days. The sugar feeds the flowers and the vinegar or aspirin helps prevent bacteria growing in the water.

Cut fragrant flowers early in the day while they are full of moisture and the scent is strongest.

Ensure knives and shears are sharp to cut evenly, not crush, flower stems.