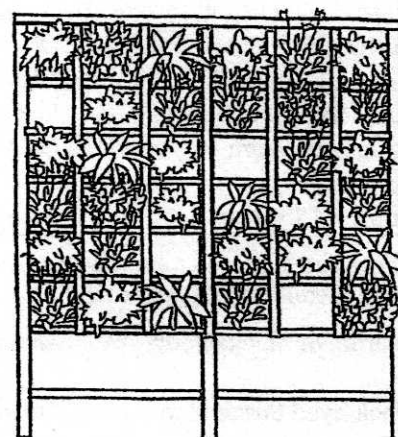


## RECOMMENDED PLANTS FOR VERTICAL GARDENING

Plants recommended for hanging baskets, vertical gardens or wall gardens generally are shallow-rooted annuals (or plants treated as annuals) that have an approximate maximum height of 12 to 15 inches and/or a trailing habit.

In larger vertical wall gardens, you can create a "patchwork quilt" of different varieties. For spring, consider several colors and textures of looseleaf lettuce (*Lactuca sativa*), pansies and violas (*Viola* spp.) or other cool-season annuals that can be used for similar effects. In summer, different shades of the same variety of marigold (*Tagetes* spp.), impatiens (*Impatiens walleriana*) or coleus (*Solenostemon scutellaroides*) may be used in a similar way. A favorite red, white and blue combination for summer uses red begonias (*Begonia semperflorens-cultorum*), water hyssop (*Bacopa monnieri*) and blue star flower (*Laurentia fluvialis*).



Plants for Sun	Scientific Name	Comments
Baby's breath	<i>Gypsophila elegans</i>	Used fresh or dry in arrangements
Blue fan flower	<i>Scaveola aemula</i>	Blue-purple flowers; cascading habit
Blue star flower	<i>Laurentia fluvialis</i>	Interesting foliage texture; blue flower
Egyptian star cluster	<i>Pentas lanceolata</i>	Attractive to butterflies
English thyme	<i>Thymus vulgaris</i>	Aromatic drought-tolerant herb
Floss flower	<i>Ageratum houstonianum</i>	Mounding habit; blue flowers
Garden geranium	<i>Pelargonium hortorum</i>	Dependable seasonlong color; drought-tolerant
Heliotrope	<i>Heliotropium arborescens</i>	Wonderful fragrance; attracts butterflies
Ivy-leaved geranium	<i>Pelargonium peltatum</i> 'Summer Showers'	Seasonlong color; drought-tolerant
Pansy	<i>Viola xwittrockiana</i>	Cool-season annual; some varieties fragrant; used as pressed flowers
Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Many varieties; dependable color
Scented geranium	<i>Pelargonium</i> spp.	A "must" for fragrance and texture
Spreading zinnia	<i>Zinnia angustifolia</i>	Creeping habit; drought-tolerant
Swan river daisy	<i>Brachycome iberidifolia</i>	Cool-season annual with neat mounding habit
Sweet potato vine	<i>Ipomoea batatas</i>	Interesting foliage plant with several colors available
Sweet alyssum	<i>Lobularia maritima</i>	Very fragrant
Water hyssop	<i>Bacopa monnieri</i>	Cascading
Plants for Shade	Scientific Name	Comments
Ferns	Many species and cultivars	Good, soft-textured foliage
Impatiens	<i>Impatiens walleriana</i>	Best for low maintenance, seasonlong color
Pansy/viola	<i>Viola xwittrockiana</i> <i>Viola</i> spp.	Cool-season annuals; many colors; good for pressed flowers
Tuberous begonia	<i>Begonia tuberhybrida</i>	Many varieties; low-maintenance
Wax-leaf begonia	<i>Begonia semperflorens-cultorum</i>	Durable, low-maintenance
Wishbone flower	<i>Torenia fournieri</i>	Bright purple color; easy to see in shade
Vegetable/Herbs	Scientific Name	Comments
Bush beans	<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i>	Purple or yellow pods easier to see
Butterhead lettuce	<i>Lactuca sativa</i>	Many colors and textures available
Common chives	<i>Allium schoenoprasum</i>	Mild onion flavor; flower good for drying
Creeping thyme	<i>Thymus serpyllum</i>	Aromatic drought-tolerant herb
Dwarf bush basil	<i>Ocimum basilicum</i> 'Minimum'	Forms neat mounds; fragrant and flavorful
Extra curled parsley	<i>Petroselinium crispum</i> 'Extra Curled'	Good companion for other plants
Lady lavender	<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i> 'Lady'	Has many uses; good texture and fragrance

Loose-leaf lettuce (all varieties)	<i>Lactuca sativa</i>	Many colors and textures available
Mustard greens (all varieties)	<i>Brassica juncea</i>	Many colors and textures available
Purple Ruffles basil	<i>Ocimum basilicum</i> 'Purple Ruffles'	Great dark purple, aromatic foliage
Roman chamomile	<i>Chamaemelum nobilus</i>	Small daisylike flowers
Spinach (all varieties)	<i>Spinacia oleracea</i>	Cool-season vegetable
Sweet marjoram	<i>Origanum majorana</i>	Useful in recipes

Annual Climbers	Scientific Name	Comments
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These single-season climbers are good for trellises. They are easily grown from seeds but need netting or light trellising for support.

Asarina or chickabiddy	<i>Asarina scandens</i>	Shades of white, pink and purple tubular flowers
Black-eyed Susan vine	<i>Thunbergia alata</i>	Low-maintenance vine with yellow or orange flowers
Canary creeper	<i>Tropaeolum peregrinum</i>	Yellow, bird-shaped flowers
Cardinal climber	<i>Ipomoea xmultifida</i>	Bright red flowers with nice foliage
Cypress vine	<i>Ipomoea quamoclit</i>	Soft-textured foliage and white, pink or red flowers
Firecracker vine	<i>Mina lobata</i>	Exotic, tropical-looking flowers
Hyacinth bean	<i>Lablab purpurea</i>	Purple flowers, seed pods and stems; edible
Moon vine	<i>Ipomoea alba</i>	White, fragrant flowers bloom at night
Morning glory	<i>Ipomoea purpurea</i> and <i>I. tricolor</i>	Quickly covers a trellis; "old-fashioned" plant
Nasturtium	<i>Tropaeolum majus</i>	Interesting foliage and edible flowers
Sweet pea	<i>Lathyrus odoratus</i>	Sweetly fragrant cool-season annual

Vegetable Climbers	Scientific Name	Comments
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These vegetables need full sun and trellis or netting for support. Be sure to select vining over bush varieties.

Cantaloupe	<i>Cucumis melo</i>	Maturing melons need netting for support
Cucumbers	<i>Cucumis sativus</i>	Many varieties available
Malabar spinach	<i>Basella alba</i>	Red stems, shiny bright green edible leaves
Pole beans	<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i>	Productive "old-fashioned" plant
Pole lima beans	<i>Phaseolus limensis</i>	Another variety Grandma used to grow
Snow peas/snap peas	<i>Pisum sativum</i> var. <i>macrocarpon</i>	Edible, podded cool-season vegetable
Tomatoes (with support)	<i>Lycopersicon esculentum</i>	Hundreds of vining varieties available

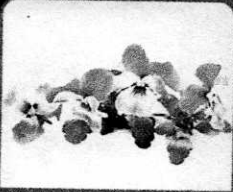
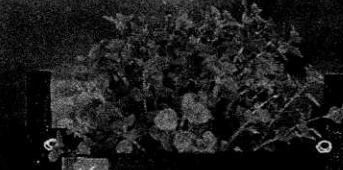
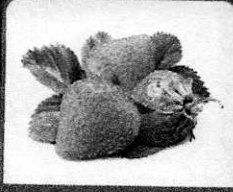
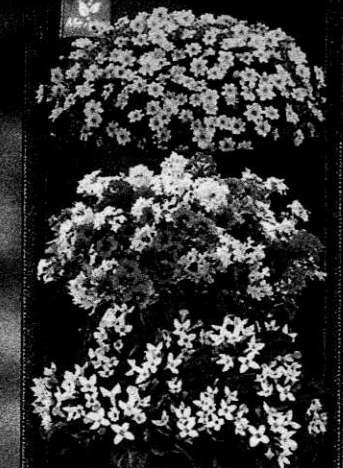






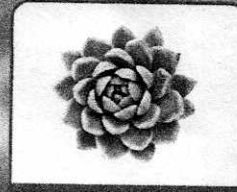

Perennial or Woody Vines	Scientific Name	Comments
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These vines are for heavier trellises, arbors or pergolas and other sturdy structures. They are usually planted in well-prepared in-ground beds at the base of the structure.

Bittersweet	<i>Celastrus scandens</i>	Vines and fruits useful for wreaths and dried arrangements
Clematis varieties	<i>Clematis</i> spp.	Attractive flowers, ornamental seed heads
Climbing hydrangea	<i>Hydrangea anomala</i> ssp. <i>petiolaris</i>	Fragrant flowers; yellow fall color
Five-leaf akebia	<i>Akebia quinata</i>	Great foliage; drought-tolerant plant
Grapes	<i>Vitis</i> spp.	Precise pruning needed for quality fruit
Honeysuckle vine	<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	Fragrant tubular flowers; attractive to hummingbirds
Kiwi vine	<i>Actinidia kolomikta</i>	Attractive white-pink foliage color
Perennial sweet pea	<i>Lathyrus latifolius</i>	Purple fragrant flowers
Porcelainberry vine	<i>Ampelopsis brevipedunculata</i>	Beautiful vine with turquoise berries
Trumpet vine	<i>Campsis radicans</i>	Indestructible vine, flowering mid- to late summer

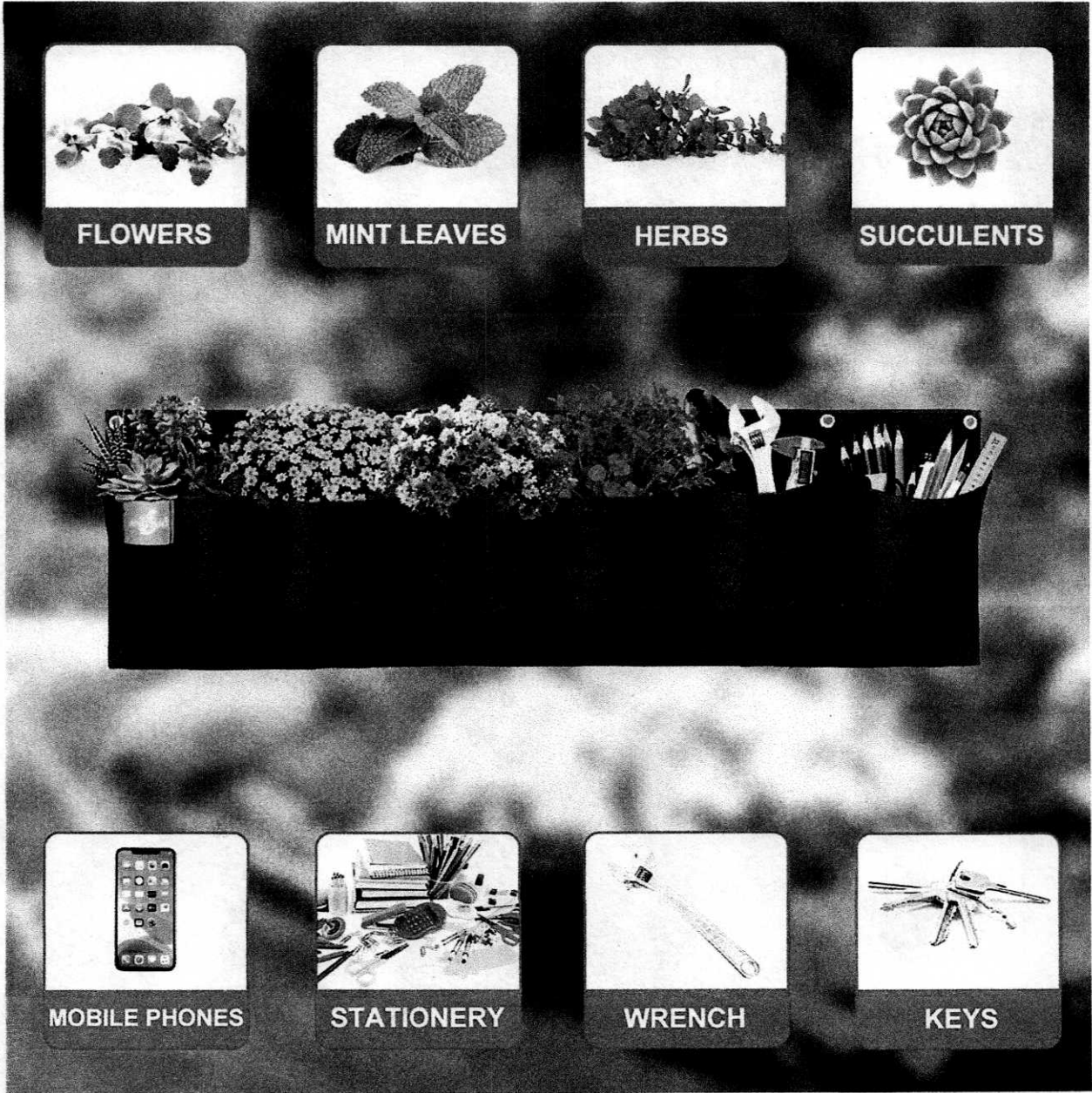
Amazon.com – MEIWO Hanging Planters

The image displays a vertical hanging planter filled with a variety of plants. To the left and right of the planter are eight inset images, each showing a different plant type with its name written below it. The plants in the planter include strawberries, small white flowers, mint leaves, succulents, scindapsus aureus, climbing roses, and gardenia.

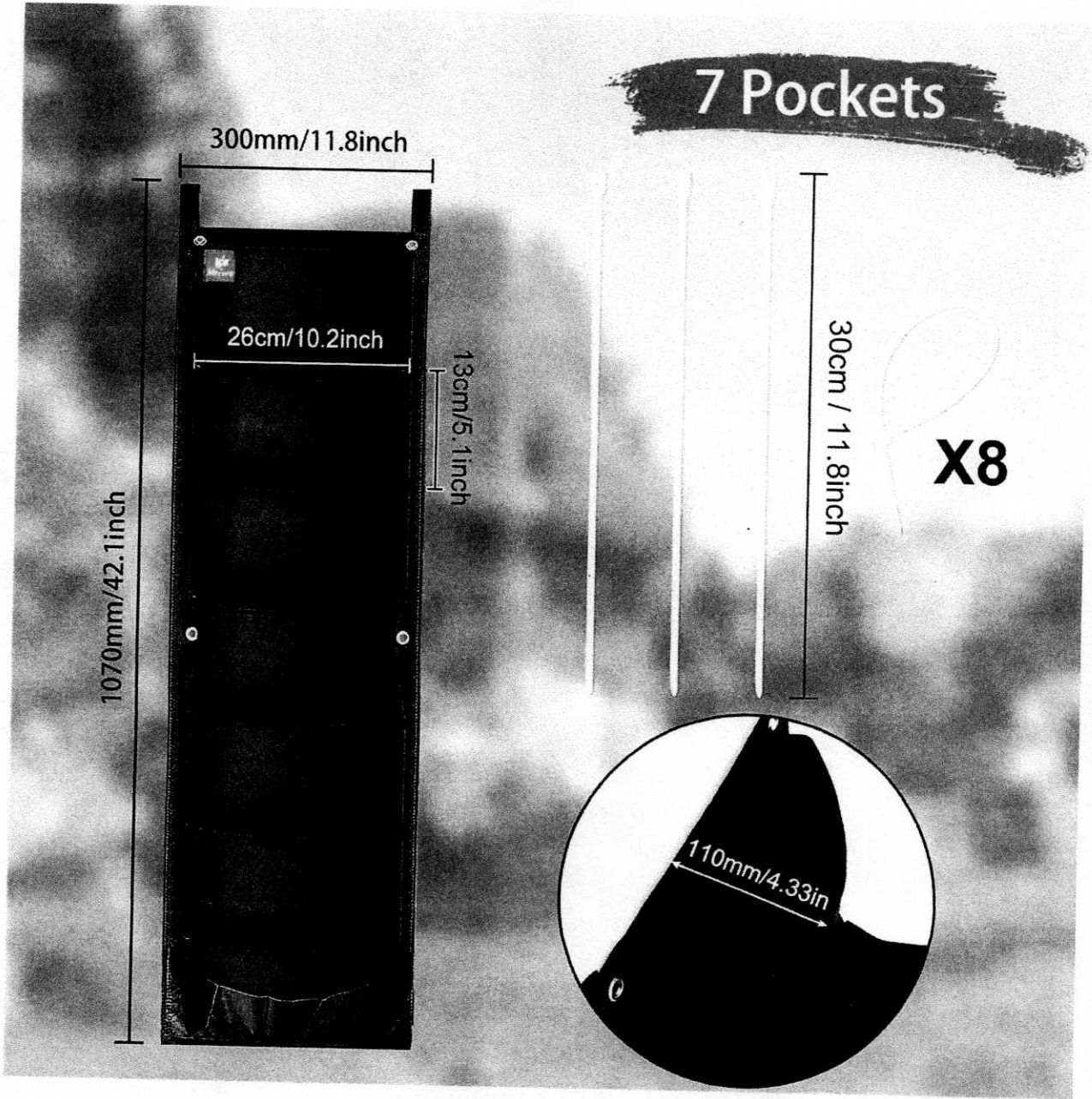
		
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## THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A LOW MAINTENANCE PLANT?

- **Strong stems** that do not require support or staking
- **Does not require deadheading.** Removing spent blooms to encourage more blooming can be time consuming.
- **Does not require frequent division** to keep them healthy and blooming.
- **Requires little or no fertilizing.**
- **Self- seeding** can go either way, so decide which way it will go for your planting site. Self- seeding plants will multiply and spread, that can be a good thing for a contained planting site. Or will it cause you to constantly be removing seedlings?
- **Plants that spread by underground rhizomes** can also be good or bad. Evaluate your planting site and be very careful to avoid those that can be invasive.
- **Disease and insect resistant.** Find out which insects or diseases are rampant in your region.
- **Tolerant of summer and winter weather extremes** typical of your region.

***Special Note:*** Low maintenance to me means “plants that don’t require constant pampering.” For example, constant watering, deadheading, and support.

When you purchase shrubs, like their natural shape. Don’t make it a mission to re-shape. Allowing natural growth = less work.

# Gardening for a Lifetime

## Top Low Maintenance Plants

### Flowering Perennials

Shasta Daisy	Hellebores 'Lenten Rose'
Sedums 'Autumn Joy'	Black-eyed Susan
Perennial Geraniums	Coreopsis
Catmint	Hostas
Coneflowers	Ferns
Hardy Hibiscus	Russian Sage
Amsonia 'Bluestar'	

### Shrubs

Hydrangeas  
Weigela 'Spilled Wine'  
Spiraea 'Double Play Gold' 'Magic Carpet'  
Norway Spruce, Dwarf  
Euonymus 'Emerald 'n Gold'  
Berberis 'Sunjoy' Mini Salsa  
Viburnums  
Rugosa Roses

### Groundcovers

Sedums 'Creeping Angelina'  
Woodruff  
Creeping Jenny *L. nummularia*  
Liriope  
European Ginger

### Ornamental Grasses

Japanese Forest Grasses  
Switch Grass  
Northwind Grass  
Blue Fescue  
Miscanthus 'Gracillimus'

<https://www.midwestgardentips.com/best-low-maintenance-perennials>