

## YOUR NEW BORDER

The Zinnia Border Design Service can transform the appearance of your garden by creating an inspirational border full of beauty and interest. Take advantage of this special service and inject new life into tired planting, pull together your whole garden design with sweeps of glorious colour and quickly create a plant picture to give you years of pleasure.

All you need to do is to tell us what you want, and we will create an individual design especially for you.

You will receive an inspirational bird's eye view illustration of your new border and a mood board with pictures of many of the plants to give you an idea of how your finished border will look.

We also supply a laminated copy of your plan which can be taken into the garden for reference during planting.

To help us give you the border you want, have a good long think about your existing border or new border first. For example:

- ✿ Is it the shape and size that you want, or could it be larger, smaller, longer, thinner or wider? A generous border will always look better than a skinny border.
- ✿ Also look at your new border from all angles. Can it be seen from the house, or do you gaze onto it from the patio area where you relax in the evening? Keep these in mind when specifying the types of plant and border style you prefer.
- ✿ Finally, the colour scheme: to ensure that your new border will complement your existing garden borders, think carefully about whether you want it to follow and existing colour scheme.

Once you have the specifications and style worked out, it's time to fill in the application form. The most important part of this form is the scale drawing of your new border. Remember that we haven't seen your garden and need as much information as possible. Photographs of your garden are very useful.

Here are some helpful hints:

## YOUR BORDER PLAN

- ✿ Measure the dimensions of your border carefully, including the dimensions of any structures or eyesores near or in your border.
- ✿ Check where North is or alternatively, mark where the sun rises and sets.
- ✿ Note if there is any change in the ground level, where shade is cast, or anything else that may affect the planting plan.
- ✿ Make a list of any plants that currently exist in the border that you want to keep, mark their approximate positions and note if you are willing to move them.

## YOUR GARDEN PLAN



The garden plan helps us to relate your border to the rest of the garden. In particular, we're interested in where your border is in relation to other structures in the garden such as pergolas, patios, greenhouses, sheds, walls and fences.

Also mark where the house is and how you get into the garden. This gives us an indication of how the border will be viewed.



## 1. DRAWING THE BORDER

Print out the document **plan.pdf**. On this, please draw:

-  **Border plan:** a scale drawing of the border. Make it as accurate as possible.
-  **Garden plan:** a sketch of the garden, indicating clearly where your new border is in relation to everything else in the garden. See the **checklist** for what to include in both of these plans.

## 2. WHAT TYPE OF PLANTS DO YOU WANT IN YOUR BORDER?

Please circle as appropriate:

- Deciduous shrubs
- Evergreen shrubs
- Trees
- Bulbs
- Herbaceous perennials
- Annuals and bedding
- Tender perennials
- Unusual plants
- Climbers
- Conifers
- Alpines

## 3. ARE THERE ANY PLANTS THAT YOU DO OR DO NOT WANT INCLUDED?

Please state:

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## 4. WHAT SORT OF COLOUR SCHEME WOULD YOU PREFER?

**HINT!** Bear in mind what other colours there are in the garden and the colour of your house walls and fences.

Please circle as appropriate:

- Any colours
- Pastel shades (mixed)
- Vibrant colours (mixed)
- Specific colours, please state:

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## 5. WHAT STYLE OF BORDER WOULD YOU LIKE?

Add more detail if you feel these descriptions do not explain what you want. Please circle as appropriate:

- Low maintenance
- Fragrant
- Year-round interest
- Wildlife-friendly
- Formal (straight neat edges)
- Informal (loose planting)
- Shaded

Other please state:

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## 6. WHAT SORT OF SOIL DO YOU HAVE?

Please circle any that apply:

- Acid Neutral Alkaline Loam
- Chalky Stony Clay Heavy clay
- Sandy Boggy Peaty Shallow
- Very dry Free draining
- Reasonable drainage
- Waterlogged in winter
- Wet in winter and dry in summer

## 6. WHAT WILL YOUR BORDER NEED TO WITHSTAND?

Please circle any that apply:

- Strong winds Salty sea winds
- Late frosts Early frosts
- Young children Animals/ pets
- High altitude Baking sunshine
- Occasional flooding Rabbits

## 8. OTHER COMMENTS

(Attach an additional sheet if necessary)

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## CHECKLIST

Please make sure you have:

- included at least one photograph of your border in its current state.
- included the dimensions of any structures you want to keep or eyesores located near or in your border.
- included the age and dimensions of any existing mature plants you wish to retain or which affect your border.
- indicated North on the drawing and areas where shade is cast (or sunrise/set if easier).
- indicated any changes in ground level that may occur.
- written all the dimensions along each length of your border. This ensures that your border is drawn up correctly and that the right number of plants are planned.

## YOUR DESIGN

Once completed, you'll receive both a waterproof and a paper copy of your planting plan. All the plants are drawn to scale and allow for several years' growth. The plants are recommended according to your requirements and soil type, with the correct number of plants necessary to fill your border. Delivery of the design will take 4-6 weeks.

*Please remember this is a single border design service. If you would like more than one border planting plan, these should be priced individually.*

## SCALE OF CHARGES

- Up to 15 sq m                      £100
- 16-30 sq m                        £150
- 31-50 sq m                        £200
- 51-100 sq m                       £250

Prices are for single borders.

Areas running along two edges of the garden will be treated as two borders.

## PAYMENT (Please tick box as applicable)

- I enclose a cheque made payable to Angela Tolputt for £.....
- I have pre-paid via PayPal ref .....

## ORDER FORM

Name .....

Address .....

..... Postcode .....

Telephone ..... Email .....