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# Gardening

## Q&A



### Healthy leaves with no salad stressing

» How can I stop my lettuce crops from bolting?

Vyvian, via email

**DAVID:** Lettuce crops will often bolt or go to seed prematurely when under stress. This can be caused by too little water, so keep a close eye on your crops and ensure you keep the soil or compost moist, especially if they are planted in containers.



### Keeping your lush mown lawn in line

» What are the best ways to make the striped pattern on my lawn more pronounced?

Darren, Hornchurch, Essex

**DAVID:** To intensify the look of a well-groomed lawn, ensure the blades on your mower are sharp and set them a little higher than usual, always mowing in alternate lines. Longer blades of grass bend more easily and the grass bending is what causes the contrasting stripes. A mower with a rear roller will intensify the effect.

## TIP of the week

Damping off fungus can cause emerging seedlings to collapse when sowing under glass. Protect your seedlings by adding a little camomile tea to the soil around the base of your plants or mist using a foliar spray.

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Get inspired and discover what is hot this season with a sneak peak at the beautiful plants set to wow crowds at Chelsea Flower Show

The world's most famous flower show starts this week, with stunning gardens and floral exhibits to amaze and inspire visitors. And the annual celebration of horticulture and design that is the RHS Chelsea Flower Show never fails to capture headlines.

Bringing innovative garden designs and new plant varieties from leading nurseries, it sets the trend for the coming season.

I've taken a sneak peak at the varieties set to cause a stir. So create your own flower show at home with these all stars.

## ALLIUMS

Known for large, lollipop shaped flower heads with little star-shaped flowers, alliums can be anything from creamy white and sunshine yellow to classic vibrant purple.

They are grown from bulbs planted in autumn so if you have got some in the ground, fertilise them now. They prefer a sheltered spot with lots of sun and don't like cold, wet conditions.

## FOXGLOVES

The trend for cottage gardens is now in full swing and the tall ethereal

“With its frilly yellow petals, 'Birdie' is sure to attract attention

stems of foxglove, with bell-shaped flowers in speckled purple and pink, are a striking finishing touch.

Despite their ornate appearance, foxgloves are often found growing wild so are easy to grow in any site or situation but thrive in dappled shade.

Foxgloves are poisonous when consumed so best avoided if you have pets or young children.

## VIOLAS

The new viola cultivar Birdie is sure to attract attention at Chelsea with its attractive, fragrant, frilly pale-yellow flower petals edged in violet purple.

This viola is perfect for both containers or in beds and borders and will flower throughout spring and summer, with regular deadheading.

Violas generally do well in a sunny or partially shaded area of your garden with fertile soil.

## IRISES

Another year, another stunning iris variety to admire.

Several newcomers will star at Chelsea, including the dainty Chic Famille, edged with purple, or the striking Souffle Chaud, selected for its unique burned orange petals. Bearded



AMAZING ALLIUMS  
Explosion of colour



VIBRANT VIOLA Ideal for beds and containers



EYE UP IRIS  
Souffle Chaud

iris need a well-drained and sunny site, where dry soil is essential.

If your iris has failed to flower, which can happen, it may be because the conditions are too damp or shady.

## ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

Perfect for attracting wildlife to your garden as well as bringing soft fluid movement in the breeze, ornamental grasses remain a firm favourite.

Their subtle look becomes ever more of a feature to offset busy planting schemes. Look out for



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