

Zinnias, Marigolds Easiest To Raise In Your Yard

A question which is asked frequently these early spring days runs something like this: "I'd like to have a flower garden, but I don't have a lot of time to mess around with a lot of temperamental plants, and go through a big deal of constant dusting or spraying and the like. What can you recommend to fill the bill?"

A simplicity garden is one answer—and such a planting would use only two annuals—zinnias and marigolds. Zinnias will produce glorious bloom in the garden from July through fall until the first killing frost. The plant thrives under heat and drought conditions. The zinnias provide display and cut flowers in great profusion—and the more you cut the more you'll get.

One of the finest supplies of cut flowers in the house we have had in many a year was provided by plantings of Blaze zinnias and Moonglow marigolds. The brilliant reds and the delicate yellows combined for excellent cut flower arrangements—and looked well in a garden border or cutting bed. Zinnias, as well as marigolds, come in many varieties and heights, permitting a display which can range from six inches tall to four feet for background.

It's easy to grow the plants from seeds. Plant the seeds thinly in rows after the last average frost date in your area. Some folks plant the seeds in groups of three or four at the specified spacing intervals—a foot to 18 inches apart—then thin to the sturdiest plant.

Zinnias need plenty of grow room, so be sure to thin the seedlings to the required distances. Overcrowding will give spindly plants. The plants respond well to transplanting with little loss even though your experience may be limited.

Just take reasonable care in transplanting, and try to leave as much soil as possible around the roots of the seedling. Water well after transplanting.

While many persons prefer to buy packets of seeds with varicolored flowers included, try one planting of solid color with a low border of another for startling effect—then compare the multicolored plantings with the solid color plantings and you be the judge of which is more effective in your garden.

Either way you'll find the plantings remarkably disease free, and also you'll find that they grow well in heavy clay soils where other plantings might give you trouble. Plant according to directions and

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Prints in Season



By VERA WINSTON

IN keeping with the emphasis on spring prints, silk shantung goes in for pretty colors and designs. Black and blue or black with brown is the color scheme used for a neat geometric print on silk shantung. It is used for a nice dress and bolero two-piece, young, attractive. The dress has high open square neckline and short sleeves. The brief bolero has a notched front and is colored and lined in black peau de sole.

Lady Astor Displays Usual Humor On Visit To U.S.

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON — Peppery Virginia-born Lady Astor, on her annual visit to the United States from Great Britain, where she was a former member of the House of Commons, was a guest at a tea given by Mrs. Sherman Adams, wife of President Eisenhower's top assistant.

After being introduced to Mrs. Adams' other guests, many of them wives of Republican bigwigs, she said in her characteristically candid fashion, "It's scandalous to be

with all these Republicans, I'm a Democrat."

However on one occasion during her Washington sojourn she visited at the White House with President Eisenhower and remarked that "everybody in the world is rejoicing over his decision to run again." She added that "Eisenhower had to have the Democrats, you know. He couldn't have a foreign policy if it weren't for the Democrats." She went on to say she was for Eisenhower as "long as he can stand it—but thank

God, he's supported by the Democrats" and that she's sure he will be elected "if Virginia backs him."

On one of her former visits Lady Astor announced she doesn't care what people think about her. "It's what I think about them that counts," she told wives of the nation's lawmakers. Then she went on to say what she thought about their husbands. The average politician, she said, is far better than the man who sits at home and criticizes him.

Lady Astor revealed that her

mother was married at 16 and said she didn't want children. "She had 11, of which I was the seventh unwanted," she said.

One of the five beautiful Langhorne sisters of Virginia, she is now in her mid-70's but looks years younger, is still trim, erect, spirited. Married at 18 to Robert Gould Shaw, she was divorced six years later and took her son to England where in 1906 she married Viscount Waldorf Astor, conservative member of parliament. They had four sons and a daughter

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