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Verbascum Attraction

Eye-catching verbascums epitomize old world charm and recent advances in plant selection have taken these nostalgic perennials to new heights. The latest varieties offer more flower power on a much more compact plant with improved resistance to wet weather and wind.

Verbascums lend themselves well to group planting, their upright form providing vertical accents (like 'exclamation marks') in the garden. In spring and summer, the flower spikes perch on velvet-textured blue-green foliage.

With closely packed, multi-branching flowers, today's new-age verbascums put on an extra showy display of colour. Extra compact varieties, such as 'Dark Eyes', are ideal for the front of the border.

Whether you repeat them through the garden as a single colour or blend them together, these colourful perennials will inject extra romance into the traditional flower border, and have a softening effect on the more structured contemporary garden.

Varieties pictured include (clockwise from top) Verbascum 'Dark Eyes', 'Shirley Johnson', 'Sierra Sunset', 'Royalty', 'Gold Nugget' and 'Lavender Lass'.

Verbascum Tips

- ✓ Hardy and easy care
- ✓ Tolerate wind and drought
- ✓ Great for mass planting
- ✓ Ideal for narrow borders
- ✓ Good drainage is essential
- ✓ Plant in a sunny location
- ✓ Water regularly, but not to excess
- ✓ Remove spent flowers for repeat flushes

