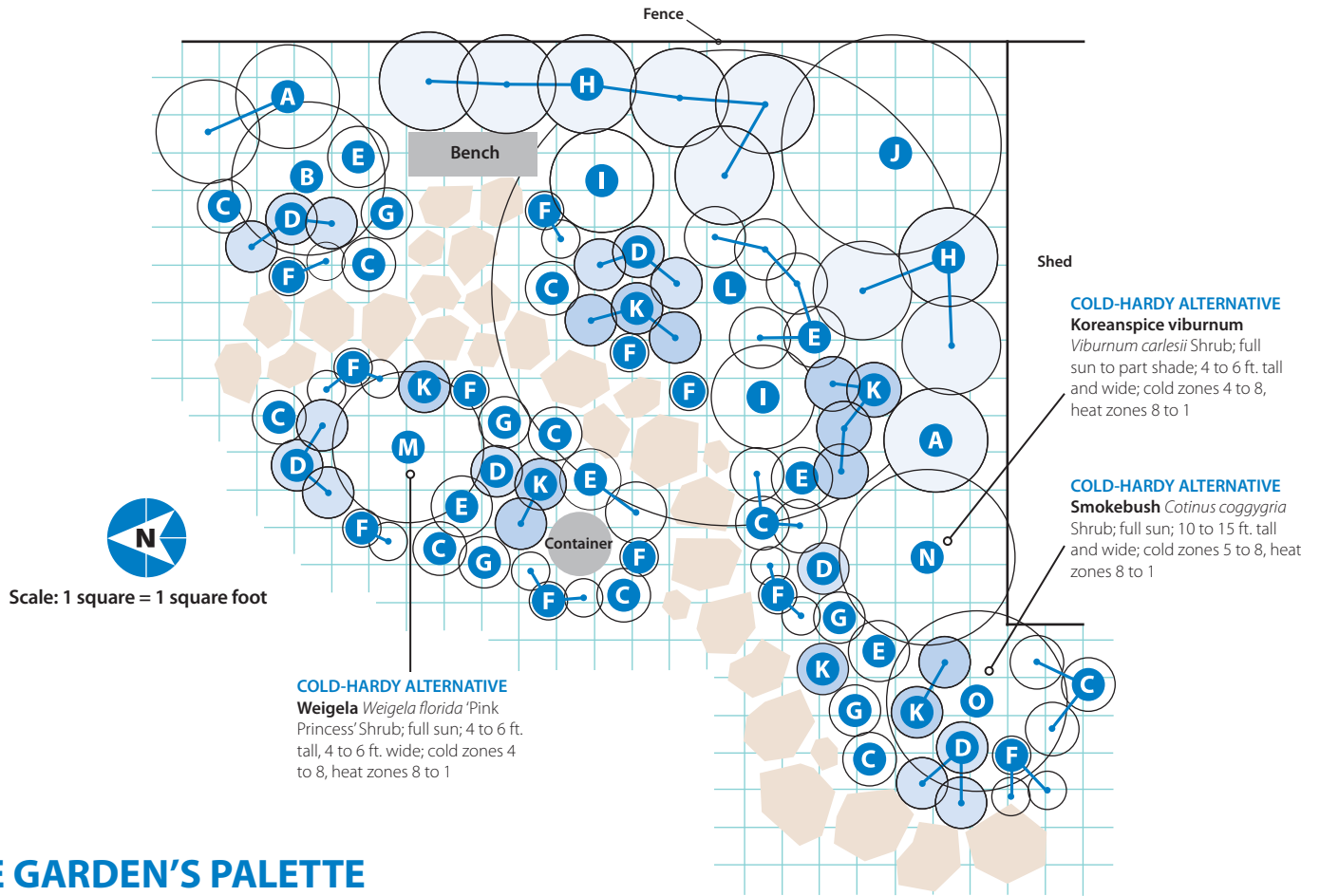


SIDE-YARD OASIS

Enter a world of lush foliage, soothing colors and rich textures. A few steps down this walkway, and you're there. From the outside, you're beckoned by the path and pretty container. Leave it empty for a no-care ornament, or turn it into a fountain. Walking through, the repetition of plants draws you toward the bench (and guarantees that you won't have to keep track of dozens of different care requirements). Take a seat, and let the cool-hued colors relax and calm you.





THE GARDEN'S PALETTE

Code	Plant Name	No. to Plant	Type	Blooms	Height/Width	Cold/Heat Zones	Comments
A	Royal fern <i>Osmunda regalis</i>	3	Perennial	NA	2-3 ft./2-3 ft.	2-10/10-1	Large fern; tips of fronds turn brown in late summer
B	Japanese maple <i>Acer palmatum</i> 'Shaina'	1	Tree	NA	4-5 ft./3-4 ft.	5-8/8-1	Bright red foliage in spring, turns deep red in fall; prefers part shade or dappled shade in hot-summer zones
C	Hakonechloa <i>Hakonechloa macra</i> 'Aureola'	14	Perennial	NA	1-2 ft./1-2 ft.	5-9/9-1	Bright yellow leaves with narrow green stripes; foliage takes on a red tint in fall; cut back to 6 in. in late winter
D	Hellebore <i>Helleborus xhybridus</i>	14	Perennial	White, purple or rose; winter to early spring	1-3 ft./1-3 ft.	5-9/9-1	Long-lasting flowers open early; leathery foliage is tolerant of heat and humidity
E	Fernleaf bleeding heart <i>Dicentra</i> 'Luxuriant'	11	Perennial	Pink; summer	12-15 in./18-20 in.	3-8/8-1	Pink blooms in summer; blue-green fernlike foliage; self-sows freely; all parts of the plant are toxic
F	Coral bells <i>Heuchera</i> 'Amethyst Myst'	22	Perennial	Pink; early summer	12-16 in./15-18 in.	4-9/9-1	Spikes of tiny pink bell-shaped flowers; plum-colored leaves with silver dusting
G	Hosta <i>Hosta fortunei hyacinthina</i>	5	Perennial	Lilac blue; summer	12-18 in./18-24 in.	3-8/8-1	Heart-shaped, bright gray-blue leaves; compact habit
H	Sweet box <i>Sarcococca confusa</i>	9	Shrub	White; winter	3-6 ft./2-3 ft.	5-9/9-1	Evergreen; black berries follow fragrant winter flowers
I	Hosta <i>Hosta</i> 'Blue Angel'	2	Perennial	White; spring	18-30 in./36-48 in.	3-9/9-1	Giant, heart-shaped blue-gray foliage
J	Fiveleaf aralia <i>Eleutherococcus sieboldianus</i> 'Variegatus'	1	Shrub	Green-white; spring	6-8 ft./6-8 ft.	4-8/8-1	Green leaves have a creamy white border; spreads by suckers; stems have sharp thorns
K	Brunnera <i>Brunnera macrophylla</i> 'Jack Frost'	13	Perennial	Light blue; spring	12-18 in./18-24 in.	3-7/7-1	Small delicate spring flowers; silver foliage with green veins; spreads slowly to make attractive ground cover
L	Japanese stewartia <i>Stewartia pseudocamellia</i>	1	Tree	White; midsummer	20-40 ft./25-30 ft.	5-8/8-1	Orange or red foliage in autumn; attractive exfoliating orange, gray and red bark
M	Mexican orange blossom <i>Choisya xdwitteana</i> 'Aztec Pearl'	1	Shrub	White; late spring and late summer	4 ft./4 ft.	7-9/9-1	Spicy scented panicles of white flowers blush pink; narrow glossy leaves are evergreen
N	Winter hazel <i>Corylopsis pauciflora</i>	1	Shrub	Yellow; early spring	4-6 ft./4-6 ft.	6-8/8-1	Fragrant blooms in early spring; yellow fall foliage
O	Redvein enkianthus <i>Enkianthus campanulatus</i>	1	Shrub	Yellow; late spring to early summer	6-10 ft./4-6 ft.	7-9/9-1	Bell-shaped blooms have red veining; doesn't reach full height in cold climates; brilliant orange to red fall foliage