

25 Ways to Work Edibles into the Landscape

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- 1.) Plant a border hedge of blueberries.
- 2.) Use alpine strawberries or low-bush blueberries as a groundcover to edge a sunny ornamental bed.
- 3.) Espalier an apple tree, fig or several fruit trees on trellises along a wall or border.
- 4.) Use edible sweet potato vines as the trailers in a hanging basket.
- 5.) Use an eggplant as the centerpiece in a pot with purple petunias trailing out around the perimeter.
- 6.) Plant purple or tricolor sage in front of and between pink shrub roses.
- 7.) Use actual fruiting cherry, pear and apple trees instead of flowering cherry, flowering pear and crabapple.
- 8.) Add other edible-fruit trees that also are ornamental, such as serviceberry, cornelian cherry dogwood, pawpaw, persimmon and medlar.
- 9.) Mix red cabbage into flower beds at regular intervals. Replace with 'Redbor' kale after harvesting in late summer.
- 10.) Interplant red or yellow celosia with hot peppers.
- 11.) Interplant bell peppers with red or orange marigolds.
- 12.) Interplant parsley with coralbells or hosta.
- 13.) Grow cherry or grape tomatoes up trellises or obelisks in flower beds.
- 14.) Use thyme and oregano as groundcovers on sunny banks along with ornamental grasses.
- 15.) Interplant lavender, rosemary and sage with roses.
- 16.) Add rhubarb and/or cardoon as striking edible specimens to any perennial garden.
- 17.) Edge a sunny walkway with chives.
- 18.) Mix currants, gooseberries, blueberries and Nanking cherries into a shrub border.
- 19.) Grow hardy kiwi plants up an arbor or pergola and plant the base with edible nasturtiums.
- 20.) Grow mints in half whiskey barrels on the patio or deck.
- 21.) Backdrop a perennial border with asparagus.
- 22.) Interplant mums and/or red-leaf chard and purple kale in fall pots to replace summer annuals.
- 23.) Dedicate a bed to nothing but edible flowers (daylilies, nasturtiums, roses, pansies, chives, hibiscus, 'Lemon Gem' and 'Tangerine Gem' marigolds, calendula, etc.)
- 24.) Use purple basil and leaf lettuce with mixed annual flowers in a windowbox.
- 25.) Underplant a bed of daylilies or black-eyed susans with golden oregano.