

Chipping in Bloom 2023

Our theme this year is "**Jewels**"

Read on for ideas and suggestions and remember that...

“Gardening is the art that uses flowers and plants as paint, and the soil and sky as canvas”

When creating a jewel garden it is useful to think about location, aspect and exposure of your site.

Where possible chose a sunny, sheltered site, with moisture retentive soil.

It is also important to ensure that there is always something in flower, from alliums in spring to dahlias in autumn.

If you are short on space, you could always plant up a basket or two.



5 ways to get a stunning jewel garden like Monty Don's

Love the stunning mix of colours in Monty Don's jewel garden? Here's how to combine splashes of crimson, orange and purple as dahlias and cannas become stars of the show

Allium 'Purple Sensation' has deep purple globe-shaped blooms held on tall stems from late-spring to early summer. Its blooms are irresistible to bees and other pollinators.

Height x spread : 80 x 15cm



Growing taller than most *Calendula*, *Calendula* 'Indian Prince' has rustic orange petals with a mahogany underside. It's easy to grow from seed and can be used to fill gaps in the jewel border.

Height x spread: 60 x 45cm



Zinnia comes in a variety of bold, zingy colours, including lime green, fiery reds and oranges, bright pinks, purples and yellows. Some are semi to fully double, while single blooms attract pollinators.

Height x spread: 60 x 30cm



Rosa 'Charles de Mills' is a classic old Gallica shrub rose, this has fully double, magenta-pink flowers in July. The blooms have a strong fragrance, so make sure you plant it near a bench, seating area or pathway.

Height x spread: 120 x 110cm



A great choice for mid-spring, *Tulipa* 'National Velvet' bears velvety blooms in burgundy red, on tall, sturdy stems. It's perfect for pairing with other dark-coloured tulips, or contrasting with opposite colours, such as orange.

Height x spread: 50 x 90cm



Dahlia 'Bishop of Llandaff' is a great choice for a jewel garden, owing to its striking, semi-double, bright red flowers, which appear from July to September. These contrast well with dark bronze stems and leaves.

Height x spread: 110 x 45cm



