

BEDS/BORDERS:

- beds should be generous—at least 6' wide—allows good size for perennials.
- 10' for small shrubs and perennials.
- summer flowering perennials tend to be larger with bare bottom stalks—good to plant shorter plants in front
- plant masses should work with scale/proportion of beds JB
- ex: large beds need large shrubs will narrow beds need smaller plants
- John Brooks believes gardeners use too many plants: when designing borders, “do a planting design and take out half the plant varieties and double up on the remainder”. JB

I like this planting idea for surprising weed seeds and seeing the plants better as you plant them.



1
Mark out border width on the ground and remove top layer of turf.



2
Prepare ground by digging to a depth of at least 20cm (8"). Add soil conditioner if required.



3
Roll out paper plan and peg into ground (pegs supplied).



4
Place pre-numbered plants on their indicated positions.



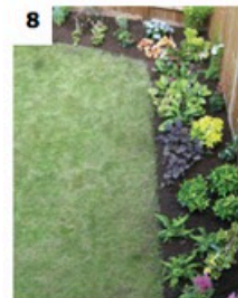
5
All plants are supplied and have a designated position to ensure correct



6
Remove pot and plant into ground through holes cut into paper.



7
Leave paper plan in place and cover with layer of top soil or bark chippings.



8
Water plants before and after planting and at regular intervals during dry weather.

