

PLANT SELECTION STEPS:

- select plants based on mature size
- chose plants for compositions in this order:
 - 1st form + mature size (feature plants)
 - 2nd texture (skeleton plants)—evergreens trees/shrubs, screens
 - 3rd decorative fill (decorative shrubs-flowers/fragrance)
 - 4th-pretties—annuals, perennials
- consider: size of space, color walls/hardscape, hardscape texture, surrounding views
- consider texture/color surrounding plants
- select dominant plants each season for constant bloom/color
- then fill in with secondary or filler plants
- use different colored pencils to represent seasons as you plan
- tall in back 2 1/2' and more, med 12-20", 1-9' small
- bold simple planting schemes from a limited range plant material most effective
- about manipulating multiple quantities of plant material

