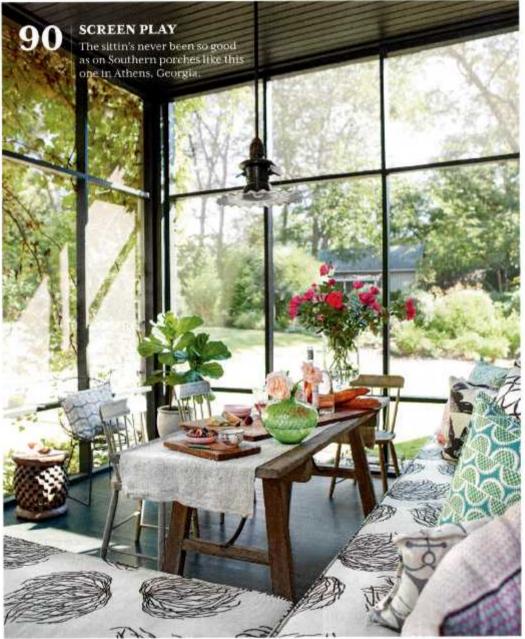


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CHECKLIST FOR MAY

Choose Climbing Roses

Roses add elegance to any garden. Some of the best are repeat-blooming climbing types that can add color to an arbor, trellis, or fence. Try ones such as 'Iceberg, CL' (white); 'Cécile Brunner, CL' (light pink); 'Pinkie, CL' (pink); 'Cramoisi Supérieur' (red); and 'Zéphirine Drouhin' (hot pink). Shop your local nursery for a great selection of roses, or buy online from antiqueroseemporium .com or petalsfromthepast.com.

Sow Sunflowers

Now that the soil has warmed, plant sunflower seeds. Their petals brighten any yard and attract butterflies and birds.



PURPLE CONEFLOWER

(ECHINACEA PURPUREA)

This native wildflower can make any perennial border shine. Recent selections from the Big Sky series offer a range of new colors (red, yellow, and orange). Plant en masse for a long-lasting show. Coneflowers prefer a mostly sunny location in well-drained soil. To improve drainage, add organic matter such as soil conditioner (finely shredded pine bark), fine gravel, or mushroom compost. They are drought tolerant once established.

TRY THESE COLORFUL CONEFLOWERS

L 'Tomato Soup' 2. 'Now Cheesier' 3. 'Magnus' 4. 'Crazy Pink'

Add Herbs

Continue to plant herbs. Most of them like full sun and excellent drainage. Plant them in raised beds or pots. Harvest regularly to encourage new growth. Add oregano, thyme, chives, sage, dill, rosemary, lemon grass, and basil. Feed regularly with an organic food such as Neptune's Harvest Fish & Seaweed Fertilizer (2-3-1). Look for herbs at your local nursery, or order online from tastefulgarden.com.

Support Your Plants

Keep top-heavy flowers such as lilles, dahlias, and glads standing tall by using plant supports. As tornatoes grow, train them on wooden stakes, bamboo, or cages. For tighter growing spaces, try a tomato ladder. Find a great selection of plant supports online at gardeners.com.

