PRAIRIE-INSPIRED

This garden takes its cue from the beautiful, serene grassy prairie. It is based on plantings I have experimented with over the past decade in my home garden. Three fine-textured, non-spreading, compact prairie grasses form the backdrop or textural matrix, with perennials that offer seasonal flower color threaded throughout. In winter, the grasses retain their form and take on lovely muted hues of russet and tan. The majority of the plants are prairie natives.

This planting can be expanded to fill much larger areas by simply repeating the design.

This garden will thrive in any well-drained soil, amended or not. It needs full sun.

PLANT LIST:
Plant Select® plants are in bold

A. Winecups -or- Desert Four O’Clock (6)
B. ‘October Skies’ Aromatic Aster -or- ‘Raydon’s Favorite’ or ‘Dream of Beauty’ Aromatic Aster (6)
C. Dalmatian Daisy -or- ‘Moonshine’ Yarrow
D. Plains Gayfeather -or- Purple Prairie Clover (4)
E. Prairie Blues Little Bluestem (32) -or- Siskiyou Blue Fescue (48)
F. Blonde Ambition Blue Grama Grass (32) -or- Blue Grama (48)
G. Autumn Embers Muhly -or- Hardy Fountain Grass (32)
H. Butterfly Weed -or- Pale Coneflower or Prairie Coneflower (9)
I. Amber Wheels Indian Blanket -or- ‘Arizona Sun’ Indian Blanket (5)
J. Prairie Jewel® Penstemon -or- Rocky Mountain Penstemon (5)
K. Western Blue Flax -or- French Blue Flax (5)
L. Colorado Desert Bluestar -or- Blue Ice Bluestar (6)

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