

I always like to make the best use of our garden space, filling in with as many vegetables and flowers that I can. Several weeks ago, Josiah and I sowed trellis cucumbers next to our snow peas and snap peas, so that by the time the peas stopped bearing, the cucumbers would be producing. Between the trellises we sowed bush beans. Right next to the broccoli we sowed green bean seeds so that when the broccoli is done bearing, green and purple bush beans will be producing. Between our tomatoes we sowed Seashell Cosmos that get 4-6 feet tall. Amongst the pepper plants we sowed nasturtiums, since both are red, yellow, and orange. Amongst the peppers and onions we sowed dill.

◆◆◆◆◆ Dauphin violet Streptocarpella's dainty blue flowers make an excellent hanging basket for shaded areas that get nothing but indirect light. The velvety foliage reminds me of an indoor violet, yet hummingbirds frequent our basket, ducking in and out of the violets dangling from the plants.

◆◆◆◆◆ Setcreasea Purple heart is such a common plant, yet one I just adore. It is so easy to grow, but I love it because of its lovely rosy purple hue. I usually place it in large ceramic pots, along with other potting plants.