

Transform a "ho-hum" corner of your yard to "wow!" with annual vines. Their life cycles are just a season long, so let your imagination run free from year to year. Annuals make blooming summer fillers.

Annual vines with a lengthy growing season must be started indoors, so sturdy little seedlings can be hardened, then popped into prepared soil when it's free of frost. Plants that mature quickly can be sown directly in your border garden, or special spot. Don't sow seeds too close together; thinning can damage the roots of remaining plants if the roots are entwined.

After several sets of leaves appear, pinch back tops to force side branching. To extend blooming, clip off flowers as soon as they fade.