

## Plant Families Frequently Used by Floral Designers (GRIN Taxonomy)

Examples only; Not inclusive

Legend: **Family** (Common name of family);

**Genus** (Common Name) (also sometimes placed in this family)

- Acanthaceae** (Acanthus)  
*Acanthus* (Bear's Breeches)  
*Barleria* (Philippine Violet)  
*Hypoestes* (Polka Dot Plant)  
*Justicia brandegeana* (Shrimp Plant)  
*Strobilanthes* (Persian Shield)
- Aceraceae** (Maple)  
*Acer* (Maple)
- Adoxaceae** (Moschatel)  
*Sambucus* (Caprifoliaceae,  
Sambucaceae)  
*Viburnum* (Caprifoliaceae, Viburnaceae)
- Agavaceae** (Agave)  
*Agave* (Century Plant)  
*Chlorophytum* (Airplane Plant, Spider Plant) (Anthericaceae, Liliaceae)  
*Cordyline* (Laxmanniaceae, Asteliaceae,  
Lomandraceae)  
*Hosta* (Liliaceae, Hostaceae)  
*Polianthes* (Tuberose)  
*Yucca* (Anthericaceae, Liliaceae)
- Alliaceae** (Onion)  
*Allium* (Onion, Leek, Garlic) (Liliaceae)  
*Tulbaghia violacea* (Society Garlic) (Liliaceae)
- Amaranthaceae** (Amaranth)  
*Alternanthera* (Chenopodiaceae)  
*Amaranthus* (Amaranth) (Chenopodiaceae)  
*Beta vulgaris* (Beet) (Chenopodiaceae)  
*Celosia* (Chenopodiaceae)  
*Gomphrena globosa* (Chenopodiaceae)
- Amaryllidaceae** (Amaryllis)  
*Clivia miniata* (Kafir Lily) (Liliaceae)  
*Crinum* (Crinum Lily) (Liliaceae)  
*Galanthus* (Snowdrop) (Liliaceae)  
*Hippeastrum* (Amaryllis) (Liliaceae)  
*Leucojum* (Snowflake) (Liliaceae)  
*Narcissus* (Daffodil) (Liliaceae)
- Apiaceae** (syn. Umbelliferae) (Parsley)  
*Anethum* (Dill)  
*Angelica*  
*Carum* (Caraway)  
*Coriandrum* (Coriander)  
*Daucus carota* (Queen Anne's Lace, Carrot)  
*Eryngium* (Sea Holly)  
*Foeniculum* (Fennel)
- Petroselinum crispum* (Parsley)
- Apocynaceae** (Dogbane)  
*Asclepias* (Butterfly Weed) (Asclepiadaceae)  
*Catharanthus* (Vinca, Periwinkle)  
*Nerium oleander* (Oleander)  
*Plumeria* hybrids (Frangipani)
- Aquifoliaceae** (Holly)  
*Ilex* (Holly)
- Araceae** (Arum)  
*Aglaonema* (Chinese Evergreen)  
*Anthurium*  
*Arisaema* (Jack-in-the-Pulpit)  
*Caladium* and hybrids  
*Dieffenbachia*  
*Epipremnum* (Pothos)  
*Monstera deliciosa* (Swiss Cheese Plant)  
*Philodendron* (Philodendron)  
*Spathiphyllum* (Peace Lily)  
*Zantedeschia* (Calla Lily)
- Araliaceae** (Aralia or Ivy)  
*Fatsia japonica* (Fatsia)  
*Hedera* (Ivy)  
*Schefflera* (Umbrella Plant)
- Arecaceae** (syn. Palmae) (Palm)  
*Caryota* (Fish-tail Palm)  
*Chamaedorea elegans* (Parlor Palm)  
*Cocos* (Coconut Palm)  
*Howea forsteriana* (Sentry Palm)  
*Phoenix* (Date Palm)  
*Sabal palmetto* (Sabal Palm)
- Asparagaceae** (Asparagus)  
*Asparagus densiflorus* 'Meyeri' (Liliaceae)  
*Asparagus densiflorus* 'Sprengeri' (Liliaceae)
- Asphodelaceae**  
*Aloe* (Aloaceae)  
*Bulbine* (Liliaceae)  
*Kniphofia* (Liliaceae)
- Asteraceae** (Aster)  
*Artemisia*  
*Aster*  
*Calendula*  
*Centaurea*  
*Chrysanthemum* (Mum)  
*Coreopsis*  
*Cosmos*

- Dahlia*  
*Echinacea* (Purple Coneflower)  
*Echinops* (Globe Thistle)  
*Eutrochium purpureum* (syn. *Eupatorium*)  
(Joe Pye Weed)  
*Gaillardia* (Blanket Flower)  
*Gerbera hybrida* (Gerbera Daisy)  
*Helianthus* (Sunflower)  
*Helichrysum* (Strawflower)  
*Heliopsis* (False Sunflower)  
*Liatris* (Gayfeather)  
*Osteospermum* (African Daisy)  
*Rudbeckia* (Black-eyed Susan)  
*Stokesia* (Stoke's Aster)  
*Tagetes* (Marigold)  
*Tithonia* (Mexican Sunflower)  
*Zinnia*
- Begoniaceae** (Begonia)  
*Begonia*
- Betulaceae** (Birch)  
*Alnus* (Alder)  
*Betula* (Birch)  
*Corylus* (Alder)
- Brassicaceae** (syn. *Cruciferae*) (mustard)  
*Brassica* (Cabbage, Kale)  
*Iberis* (Candytuft)  
*Lobularia* (Sweet Alyssum)  
*Lunaria annua* (Money Plant)  
*Matthiola incana* (Stock)
- Boraginaceae** (Borage)  
*Mertensia* (Virginia Bluebells)
- Bromeliaceae** (Bromeliad)  
*Aechmea*  
*Ananas comosus* (Pineapple)  
*Billbergia*  
*Tillandsia usenoides* (Spanish Moss)
- Buxaceae** (Box)  
*Buxus* (Boxwood)  
*Pachysandra*
- Cactaceae** (Cactus)  
*Cereus*  
*Opuntia*  
*Pereskia*  
*Rhipsalis*
- Campanulaceae** (Bellflower)  
*Campanula* (Bellflower)  
*Platycodon grandiflorus* (Balloon Flower)
- Caryophyllaceae** (Carnation)  
*Dianthus caryophyllus* (Carnation)  
*Gypsophila* (Baby's Breath)
- Celastraceae** (Bittersweet)  
*Celastrus* (Bittersweet)  
*Euonymus*
- Crassulaceae** (Stonecrop)  
*Echeveria* (Hens and Chicks)
- Sedum* (Stonecrop)  
*Sempervivum*
- Cupressaceae** (Cypress)  
*Chamaecyparis* (Cypress)  
*Taxodium disticum* (Bald Cypress)
- Cyperaceae** (Sedge)  
*Carex* (Japanese Sedge)  
*Cyperus involucratus* (Umbrella Sedge)  
*Cyperus papyrus* (Papyrus)
- Ericaceae** (Azalea)  
*Kalmia*  
*Pieris*  
*Rhododendron*
- Euphorbiaceae** (Euphorbia)  
*Codiaeum variegatum* (Croton)  
*Euphorbia milii* (Crown of Thorns)  
*Euphorbia pulcherrima* (Poinsettia)
- Fabaceae** (syn. *Leguminosae*) (Pea or Bean)  
*Albizia julibrissin* (Mimosa)  
*Baptisia* (*Papilionaceae*)  
*Cytisus scoparius* (Scotch Broom)  
*Gleditsia* (Honeylocust)  
*Lathyrus odoratus* (Sweet Pea)  
*Phaseolus* (Bean)  
*Wisteria*
- Fumariaceae** (Fumitory)  
*Dicentra*
- Hamamelidaceae** (Witch-hazel)  
*Liquidambar* (Sweet Gum)
- Heliconiaceae** (Heliconia)  
*Heliconia* (*Strelitziaceae*)
- Hemerocallidaceae** (Daylily)  
*Hemerocallis* (Daylily) *Liliaceae*
- Hydrangeaceae** (Hydrangea)  
*Deutzia* (*Philadelphaceae*)  
*Hydrangea* (Hydrangea)  
*Philadelphus* (Mock Orange)  
(*Philadelphaceae*)
- Iridaceae** (Iris)  
*Belamcanda* (Blackberry Lily)  
*Crocasmia*  
*Crocus*  
*Dietes* (Moraea)  
*Freesia*  
*Iris*  
*Gladiolus*
- Lamiaceae** (syn. *Labiatae*) (Mint)  
*Lavendula* (Lavender)  
*Mentha* (Mint)  
*Moluccella laevis* (Bells of Ireland)  
*Monarda* (Bee Balm)  
*Ocimum* (Basil)  
*Perovskia* (Russian Sage)  
*Physostegia* (Obedient Plant)  
*Salvia*

- Solenostemon* (Coleus)  
*Stachys* (Lamb's Ear)
- Liliaceae** (Lily)  
*Asparagus* (*Asparagaceae*)  
*Aspidistra* (*Ruscaceae*, *Convallariaceae*)
- Kniphofia* (Red Hot Poker)  
*Asphodelaceae*  
*Lilium* (Lily)  
*Tulipa* (Tulip)
- Magnoliaceae** (Magnolia)  
*Liriodendron* (Tuliptree)  
*Magnolia*  
*Magnolia figo* (syn. *Michelia figo*)  
(Banana Shrub)
- Malvaceae** (Malva)  
*Althaea* (Althea)  
*Gossypium* (Cotton)  
*Hibiscus* (Hibiscus)
- Musaceae** (Banana)  
*Ensete* (False Banana)  
*Musa* (Banana)
- Myrtaceae** (Myrtle)  
*Callistemon* (Bottlebrush)  
*Eucalyptus*  
*Melaleuca*
- Nyctaginaceae** (Four O'Clock)  
*Bougainvillea spectabilis*  
*Mirabilis jalapa* (Four O'Clock)
- Oleaceae** (Olive)  
*Chionanthus* (Fringe Tree)  
*Forsythia*  
*Ligustrum* (Privet)  
*Osmanthus*  
*Syringa* (Lilac)
- Orchidaceae** (Orchid)  
*Cattleya*  
*Dendrobium*
- Pandanaceae** (Screwpine)  
*Pandanus utilis* (Screwpine)
- Papaveraceae** (Poppy)  
*Eschscholzia* (California Poppy)  
*Papaver* (Poppy)
- Pinaceae** (Pine)  
*Abies* (Fir) (*Abietaceae*)  
*Cedrus* (Cedar) (*Abietaceae*)  
*Picea* (Spruce)  
*Pinus* (Pine)  
*Tsuga* (Hemlock) (*Abietaceae*)
- Pittosporaceae** (Pittosporum)  
*Pittosporum*
- Plantaginaceae** (Plantain)  
*Antirrhinum* (*Scrophulariaceae*)  
*Veronicaceae*  
*Digitalis* (*Scrophulariaceae* *Veronicaceae*)
- Plumbaginaceae** (Plumbago)  
*Limonium sinatum* (Statice)  
*Plumbago auriculata* (Blue Plumbago)
- Poaceae** (syn. *Graminae*) (Grass)  
*Bambusa* (Bamboo)  
*Chasmanthium* (Northern Sea Oats)  
*Cortaderia* (Pampas Grass)  
*Miscanthus* (Japanese Silver Grass)  
*Panicum* (Switchgrass)  
*Triticum* (Wheat)  
*Zea* (Corn)
- Polemoniaceae** (Phlox)  
*Phlox*  
*Polemonium* (Jacob's Ladder)
- Primulaceae** (Primula)  
*Cyclamen* (*Myrcinaceae*)  
*Primula*
- Proteaceae** (Banksia)  
*Banksia*  
*Protea*
- Pteridaceae** (Brake)  
*Adiantum* (Maidenhair Fern)  
*Pteris* (Brake Fern)
- Ranunculaceae** (Buttercup)  
*Anemone*  
*Aquilegia* (Columbine)  
*Clematis*  
*Consolida* (Larkspur)  
*Delphinium*  
*Helleborus xhybridus* (Lenten Rose)  
*Ranunculus*
- Rosaceae** (Rose)  
*Amelanchier*  
*Chaenomeles* (Quince)  
*Cotoneaster*  
*Crataegus* (Hawthorn)  
*Eriobotrya* (Loquat)  
*Fragaria* (Strawberry)  
*Kerria japonica* (Japanese Rose)  
*Malus* (Apple)  
*Potentilla*  
*Prunus* (Plums, Cherries, Peaches, Almond)  
*Pyracantha* (Firethorn)  
*Pyrus* (Pear)  
*Rubus* (Raspberry, Blackberry)  
*Spiraea*
- Rubiaceae** (Madder)  
*Gardenia*  
*Hamelia* (Firebush)  
*Ixora*  
*Pentas* (Starflower)
- Ruscaceae** (Lily of the Valley)  
*Aspidistra* (*Liliaceae*, *Convallariaceae*)  
*Convallaria* (Lily of the Valley)

- Dracaena* (Dracaenaceae, Agavaceae)  
*Liriope* (Liliaceae, Convallariaceae)  
*Sansevieria* (Agavaceae, Dracaenaceae)
- Rutaceae** (Citrus)  
*Citrus* (Oranges, Lemons, etc.)  
*Coleonema* (Breath of Spring, Diosma)
- Salicaceae** (Willow)  
*Populus* (Poplar, Cottonwood, Aspen)  
*Salix discolor* (Pussy Willow)  
*Salix matsudana* 'Tortuosa' (Curly Willow)
- Sarraceniaceae** (Pitcher Plant)  
*Sarracenia*
- Saxifragaceae** (Saxifrage)  
*Astilbe* (False Spiraea)  
*Heuchera* (Coral Bells)  
*Tiarella* (Foamflower)
- Scrophulariaceae** (Figwort)  
*Buddleja* (Buddlejaceae, Loganiaceae)  
*Verbascum* (Mullein)
- Solanaceae** (Nightshade)  
*Brugmansia* (Angel's Trumpet)
- Capsicum annuum* (Pepper)  
*Nicotiana xhybrida* (Flowering Tobacco)  
*Petunia xhybrida* (Petunia)  
*Solanum* (Potato, Eggplant, Tomato)
- Strelitziaceae** (Crane Flower)  
*Ravenala madagascariensis*  
(Traveler's Palm)  
*Strelitzia reginae* (Bird of Paradise)
- Taxaceae** (Yew)  
*Taxus* (Yew)
- Theaceae** (Tea)  
*Camellia*  
*Gordonia lisianthus* (Loblolly Bay)
- Violaceae** (Viola)  
*Viola*  
Pansy
- Zingiberaceae** (Ginger)  
*Alpinia* (Shell Ginger)  
*Zingiber* (Ginger)

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