

# Handout for Pops of Color by Marianne Binetti

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Gardening is a creative art so “Make like Monet” and other artists using color that pops.

Monet green and pink is stolen from nature, so steal from Monet

Ideas: Paint simple 4 by 4 posts blue for yearlong color, float begonias, roses and hellebores in place of water lilies, Cadet Blue paint from Krylon to cover rust arches in Binetti garden.

Dahlias with chocolate foliage: The Bishopp series

Hydrangeas that turn from white to pink: Blushing Bride, to turn blue hydrangeas into bi-colored pops of unusual color add dolomite to soil in fall – but just around sections of the shrub.

A case for black: Black mondo grass as exclamation point at end of border, with snowdrops for winter pop of color, with California poppies for early summer color, black-eyed Susan vine, and black steppingstones.

Repetition and contrast make colors pop.

Groundcovers that pop: Creeping Jenny (yellow) with smoke tree for dry soil Creeping Jenny with dark ajuga for contrast

A case for paint: Fence stripes, Table border, porch furniture, posts painted or used to display tiles,

A case for tile: Barcelona inspiration using broken tile, on bench, on brick, on wall

A case for turquoise: Pop of color for any plant on bench, chair, pottery

Pops in the shade: Japanese maples and hosta have contrast, Brunnera and White Nancy Lamium pop in dark corners, use pots under trees, rhodies, creeping jenny with black mondo grass

A case for foliage: Autumn color coral bark maples, dwarf Ginko in pot, heucheras with contrast

Winter: painted iron gates, hellebores, evergreen contrast

Theme Gardens: Popping color with opposites on the color wheel, like yellow and blue: Japanese Forest grass and delphinium, clematis and Japanese Forest Grass, Hydrangeas with painted yellow bench

Creative Reminders: Group colorful pots, paint gates, pink boots, bowling ball, dusty miller and primroses in blue pots, hellebores floating in bird bath,

You can add color without adding to your watering bill – more inspiration when you join us this fall:

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