

# DIG IN

*What's happening, where to go, what's in flower and what to buy this month*

## ROSE-TINTED

At one time a rose garden conjured up a very formal affair, but planting designers are now discovering how versatile this summer favourite can be. Increasingly, roses are being used in more naturalistic, meadow-style plantings, intermingled with ornamental grasses and layered with choice perennials and annuals, to create a richly textured effect. To help gardeners create their own rose meadows the garden charity Perennial has launched a helpful kit that offers practical instructions from Colm Joseph and Duncan Cargill, who designed a sustainable, low-maintenance rose meadow for the charity's display at this year's RHS Chelsea Flower Show. The kit explains the key principles of a rose meadow, detailing the layering of plants and offers suggestions for perennials and grasses as well as roses to plant. Also included is a packet of poppy seeds from Suttons to kickstart your meadow, and a voucher that gives you 15 per cent off at Peter Beales Roses. The Grow Your Own Rose Meadow Kit costs £10, with proceeds going to support the charity. [shop.perennial.org.uk](http://shop.perennial.org.uk)

