

LAYOUT SUGGESTIONS FOR PLANTING

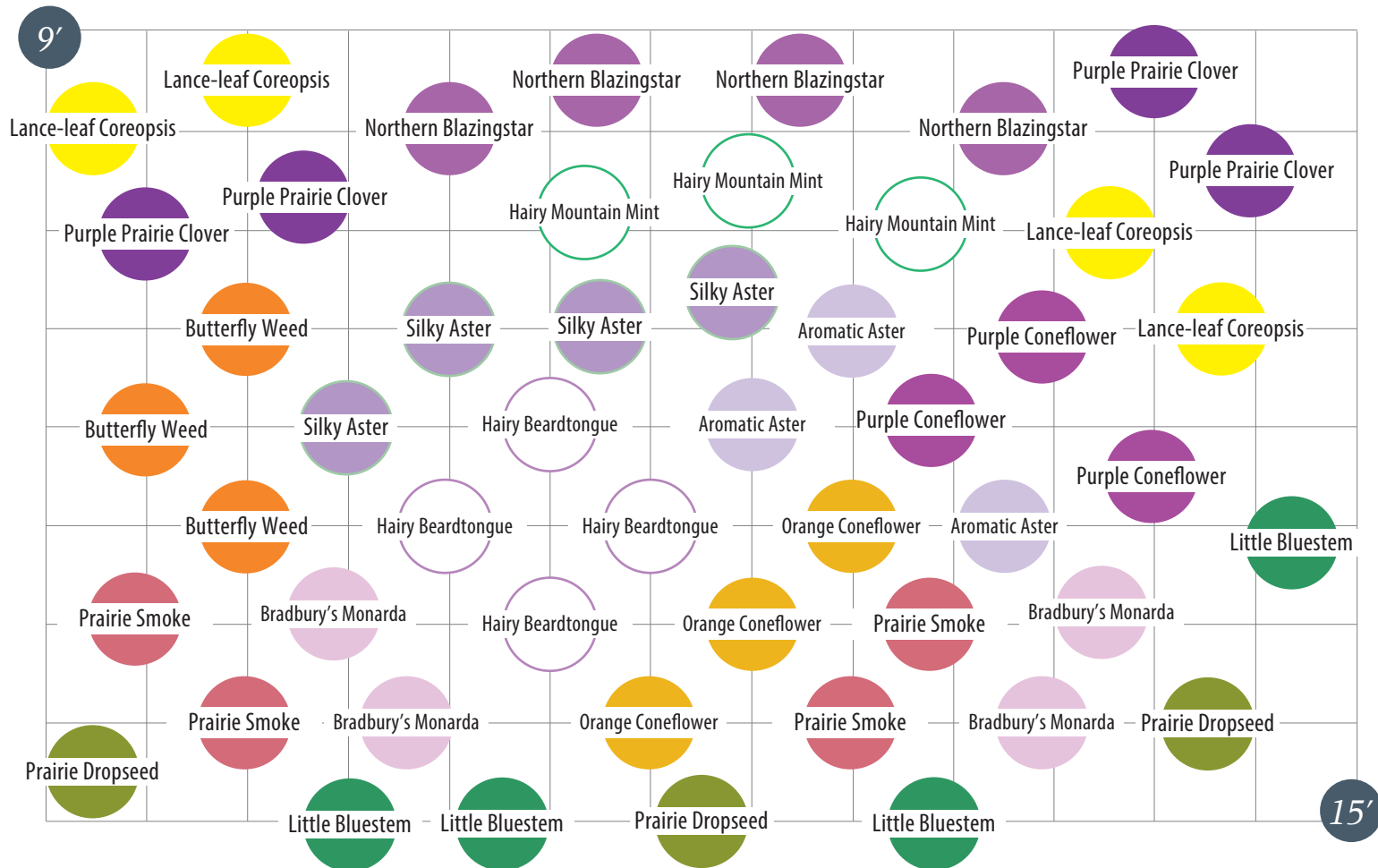
Our high-value kits of 50 plants boast 14 species. A kit will start a garden of approximately 120-150 square feet; this could be an area measuring 9 X 15 feet. With a smaller planting such as this (or even up to a couple hundred square feet) there are some basic design ideas to consider when placing plants within the garden.

DISPERSED: By trying to evenly disperse each species of plant in the kit throughout the planting area, you will maximize the visual interplay between plants and take maximum advantage of the self-seeding and natural spreading capacity of each plant. It may be practical to place the taller plants toward the center or back so that they are better contained within the garden. For a true naturalized garden this may be the best way to start.

GROUPS AND DRIFTS: Sometimes people like to see a bit more immediate order to their planting. This could be achieved by grouping each species in its own sector of the garden or elongating these groups into loose lines or drifts of plants. Our kits can be augmented with a Mix & Match tray of four to six species to add larger groupings or drifts of favorite species.

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* We may need to substitute appropriate species, without notice, in the case of unexpected greenhouse failures or sold out species later in the season.

This layout has most of the plants in single-species groups. The texture of ornamental grasses like Prairie Dropseed and Little Bluestem, in the front gives this 120-150 square foot area a more structured, formalized look than a naturalized layout. A layout of this type might require continued use of mulch over the years, pulling of new seedlings and/or dead-heading seed heads to keep plants in their groups. We've taken special care to group spring, summer and fall-blooming plants so there is color and texture throughout the seasons. ***This layout is just a suggestion.***