

january

- / Sow sweet peas & aquilegia
- / Plan beds, borders & pots
- / Read seed catalogues & order flowers, foliage & fillers

february

- / Buy organic seed compost
- / Pre-chill: delphinium, larkspur & Icelandic poppy seeds
- / Prune shrub roses
- / Order dahlia tubers

march

- / Sow all hardy annuals towards the end of the month
- / Plant out sweet peas
- / Pot up dahlias
- / Mulch roses with manure

april

- / Keep sowing hardy annuals
- / Plant out autumn-sown plants & sweet peas
- / Sow half-hardy annuals indoors
- / Add stakes & supports

may

- / Plant out half-hardy annuals & sow more
- / Sow last hardy annuals
- / Plant dahlias outdoors & pinch out main stem
- / Take softwood cuttings

june

- / Sow biennials & the very last of the half-hardy annuals
- / Keep cutting & feeding roses
- / Hang and dry honesty and grasses for winter use

july

- / Sow more biennials
- / Clear early annuals for late summer plants
- / Feed, water & deadhead

august

- / Start sowing hardy annuals & perennials
- / Collect ripe seed
- / Order tulips & spring bulbs
- / Sow green manure on any bare soil
- / Prune climbing roses

september

- / Sow hardy annuals & perennials for next year
- / Plant out biennials
- / More seed collecting
- / Hang & dry late summer flowers

october

- / Lift or mulch dahlias
- / Take hardwood cuttings
- / Plant narcissi & alliums
- / Plant out perennials & hardy annuals
- / Leave seed heads for wildlife

november

- / Top-dress all beds with an inch of compost
- / Plant tulips
- / Order & plant bare rooted perennials & roses
- / Pot up forced narcissi for Christmas

december

- / Forage
- / Feast
- / Wreath
- / Rest
- / Sow yet more sweet peas

a year amongst flowers