



Naturalistic Pick-Me-Up

Naturalistic Pick-Me-Up. In early summer, a basic perennial bed of Geranium, Euphorbia and Japanese forest grass needed a pick-me-up. Dutch garden designer Jacqueline van der Kloet gave it a naturalistic makeover by adding plant partners that contribute a light layer of color, texture and height to the basic mix. Her additions included low-growing, pink alliums (*Allium unifolium*); lime a green biennial with attractive seed heads (*Smyrniium perfoliatum*), an airy annual with sky blue flowers (*Love-in-a-Mist*). Says van der Kloet, "The combined effect is nicely complex to mimic how wild plants intertwine, multiply and spread." For more on combining spring bulbs and perennials, visit BulbDesignNotes.com, a collaborative garden design project sponsored by Colorblends.com.

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