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## GROW VERTICAL

Some plants are so eager to grow up. Help vines like Tropic Escape pink mandevilla become living screens with a trellis that doubles as a decorative focal point.

Garden Treasures  
12x48-inch Black  
Zen Garden  
Trellis, \$14.98;  
[lowes.com](http://lowes.com)



## SOW-EASY VINES

Growing for instant gratification? Plant the seeds of one of these speedy annual climbers.



**THUNBERGIA**  
Black-eyed Susan vine bears cheerful yellow, orange, or white blooms from summer till frost. 3–8 feet



**MORNING GLORY**  
Trumpet-shape flowers open in the morning and close by afternoon. Readily self-seeds the following year. 6–10 feet



**SCARLET RUNNER BEAN**  
Beautiful blooms. Bountiful edible beans. A double blessing from one vine. How much more can you ask? 10 feet

### GARDENING WHERE YOU ARE

Get month-by-month garden tips specifically geared for your region. [BHG.com/RegionalTips](http://BHG.com/RegionalTips)

**TO-DO LIST** With the spring planting rush behind us, we set our sights on summer tasks in the Better Homes and Gardens Test Garden®.

- » **Support crops** Add sturdy stakes or cages around tomato plants before they get too large. Use flexible plant ties to secure stems.
- » **Pinch plants** Pinch back fall-blooming mums, asters, and Joe Pye weed every three weeks until early July to promote bushy growth.
- » **Harvest greens** Enjoy salad crops before they bolt and get bitter. Replace with summer crops, such as beans, eggplants, and peppers.
- » **Prune shrubs** Shape up spring bloomers—including forsythia, quince, and lilac—immediately after they flower.