

## Plant List for Southern Comfort

Obviously, where you live determines what plants to use. We're going to give you a general list to show your landscaper or nursery. We strongly recommend you show them your Southern Comfort Design Plan and get their recommendations also.

Again, start with your Bocce Ball court. For the hedge use either Boxwood or Helleri Holly. Plant Pine trees along the fence for privacy. In each back corner, use Hicks Yews or Foster Holly. In the center, use Knockout Rose bushes for a splash of color, and put a Ramona or Jackmani Clematis on the trellis. A white Henryi Clematis would also look great mixed in. Use Clematis on the other trellises you have around your garden. Other favorites are Nelly Moser, Niobe, Snow Queen, and Dr. Ruppell, but there are many, many more to try. Next to your pergola, plant a showcase Japanese Maple like a Crimson Queen, Inazuma, or Beni Shichihenge. Around the pergola you could have a nice Hosta collection, or use just one variety in a big drift.

For your alee, plant Amur Maples, and over time, trim them up and form your canopy. Along the fence, in the shade, have an Azalea or Rhododendron collection. Plant Hostas as a ground cover. Again, either expand on your Hosta collection or continue with one. Using only one Hosta, like *Ventricosa Aureomarginata* or Patriot will make your alee appear longer. On each side of the white bench, plant matching Altheas – any color will work.

Around the dining room, plant an upright Japanese Maple like Bloodgood or Fireglow in the corner. In the bed between the fence and patio, put Japanese Painted Fern, Palace Purple Coral Bells, and Rainbow Leucothoe in each corner. Fill the planters along the walk to the deck with annuals, like this collection of Caladiums. Coleus would be nice as well.



## Plant List for Southern Comfort (continued)

Around the fountain you want symmetry. Plant four of the same Crape Myrtles, with Cotoneaster under them to form a solid mat of green. Use Liriope, either Big Blue or Variegated (Big Blue will spread – Variegated forms clumps), as an edge all the way around and along the short paths. Fill the eight containers with annuals each year, but make them identical for a more formal look. We show white Caladiums, but plant your favorites. You can change them with the seasons, too. Start with Pansies, then Petunias, then finish with Mums. For your planters, try the “thriller, filler, spiller” method. Have one tall, thrilling center plant, surrounded by shrubby, filler annuals, and trailing, spilling plants around the edge.

Now for the spring flower garden. Plant Redbuds, Magnolia, and Dogwoods for your large trees. Under them plant Hydrangeas, Azaleas, Tulips, and Daffodils. You will have flowers starting late winter and lasting right through spring.

Finally, your entry courtyard. Fill this with flowering shrubs like Azalea, Weigela, Althea, and Crape Myrtle. Leave room for annuals at all four corners and under the birdbath. Run another Clematis up each side of the arch for a warm Southern Comfort welcome!

