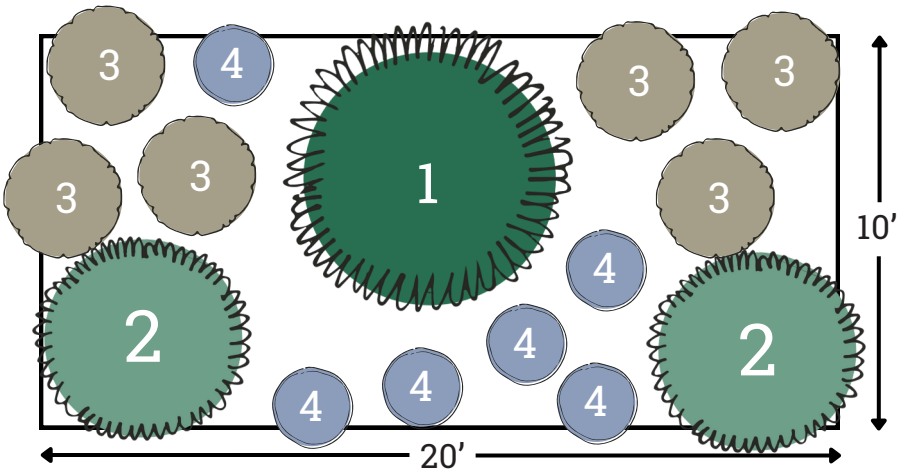
Plant by Numbers

Cottage Garden: San Antonio Soul

A sunny plant palette highlights local WaterSaver classics. Spacing shown is for fully grown plants. Click on plant names for more info on the species.



1 Perennial Shrub

Pick 1 species and buy 1 plant.

Bougainvillea

Esperanza

Pride of Barbados

2 Large Perennial

Pick 1 species and buy 2 plants.

Mexican Bush Sage

Plumbago

Cenizo 'Silverado'

3 Small Perennial

Buy a combination of 6 plants.

Autumn Sage

Chiltepín

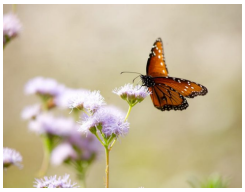
Martha Gonzalez Rose

4 Small Perennial

Buy a combination of 6 plants.

Purple Heart

Zizotes Milkweed



Gregg's Mistflower

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Quick Tips on Maintenance

Mulch 2 inches deep using 16 bags of 2-cubic-foot wood mulch.

Bougainvillea

- Allow it to dry out in between waterings to avoid root rot.
- Prune to maintain form.
- Use long sleeves to avoid thorns.

Mexican Bush Sage

- Appreciates supplemental water in exposed locations.
- Freezes back in winter.

Esperanza

- Light shaping to control size.
- Cut back to new growth in early spring.

Autumn Sage

- Cut back old branches by 1/3 in spring or early summer.
- Appreciates occasional water in sunny locations.

Pride of Barbados

- Light pruning in summer to produce a nice form. Gloves may be needed.
- Cut back after freezes.

Zizotes Milkweed

- Plant in an un-mulched spot and mark it. Zizotes is a no-fuss native milkweed but may disappear for long periods.

Plumbago

- Prune lightly to shape only.
- Cut back to new growth in early spring after winter freezes.

Purple Heart

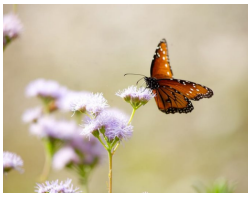
- Spreads easily unless contained.
- Browns back after freezes but quickly resumes growth.

Cenizo 'Silverado'

- 'Silverado' is a compact cenizo variety. Avoid overwatering.
- Mild hedging or tip pruning to shape; avoid shearing!

Martha Gonzalez Rose

- Water consistently in summer.
- Select strong canes and prune back in mid-February.



Gregg's Mistflower

- Thrives in partial shade, often around other plants.
- Cut back freely as needed.

Chiltepín

- Thrives in partial shade, often around other plants.
- Appreciates occasional water in exposed locations.

Watering Countdown To Establish New Plants

3 times per week for 3 weeks.
2 times per week for 2 weeks.
1 time per week for 1 week.
No extra watering required.

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