

Consider Using a Vine
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If you have a vertical space that needs a plant consider using a vine. There are some outstanding choices. Depending on what type you choose, you might need a trellis, an arbor, or even a tree for the vine to climb.

Some vines are annuals and last only a season but some are perennial and will come back for multiple years. In this last group are vines that are evergreen and ones that are deciduous. Some vines are herbaceous and die back to the ground every winter but regrow each spring. Some vines are woody and keep the wood stems above ground all year and some even retain the leaves.

There are four different growth types:

1. twining
2. clinging rootlets
3. tendrils
4. climbing/sprawling/leaning

Here are some ideas about vines for you to grow:

Crossvine- evergreen perennial which takes morning sun and some shade. It can grow up to 20 to 30 ft tall. Tangerine beauty is the most colorful.

Coral Honeysuckle- semi evergreen, sun to part shade and can grow 8-15 ft tall

Cypress Vine- annual that needs sun to part shade and can grow 10 to 15 ft tall

Allamanda- annual that needs sun and part shade and can grow 6- 8 ft tall

Clematis-deciduous perennial that needs partial shade and can get 10 ft tall. very nice flowers

Carolina Jessamine- evergreen perennial which takes sun to part shade and can get 10 to 25 ft tall

Malabar Spinach- annual, sun to part shade, 10 to 12 ft tall and edible

Mandevilla- annual, sun dappled shade and can get 12 to 15 ft tall

Passion Flower- deciduous perennial but tender, needs sun, 10 to 25 ft tall

Wisteria (Texas)- deciduous perennial, sun to part shade, grows up to 30 ft tall, so you need an arbor.

Evergreen Wisteria- semi-evergreen perennial and can grow 12 to 15 ft. tall.

These are just some of the vines available to grow in our area. If you are interested, look up the ones you think will work for you. Make sure they are what you want and then start looking for them at local nurseries. If you have online access, you can view bloom color and choices.

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