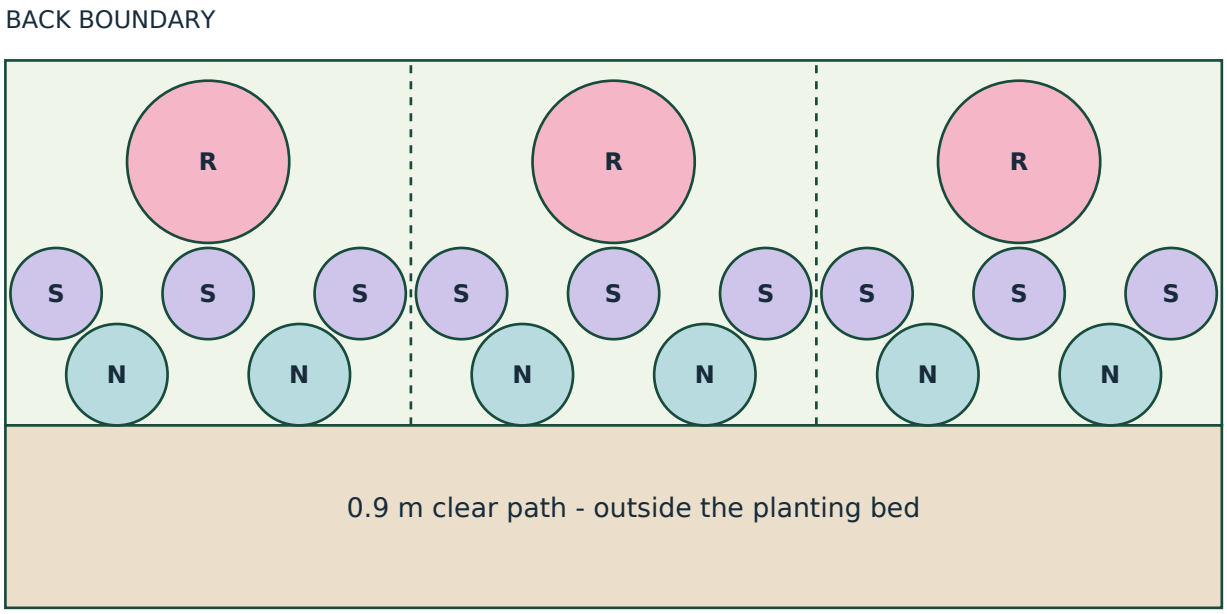
Small English Garden

Measured border | 6 m x 1.8 m bed + separate 0.9 m path

Original concept, not field-tested performance. Confirm local plant suitability.



R = rose | S = salvia | N = catmint. Circles show design mature-width envelopes.

Shopping list: 18 base plants

3 compact repeat-flowering shrub roses, maximum mature spread 0.8 m. Choose a locally suitable named cultivar.
9 compact Salvia nemorosa, maximum spread 0.45 m. Check the compact cultivar, not only the common name.
6 Nepeta 'Cat's Pajamas' or equivalent compact catmint, maximum spread 0.5 m. Optional bulbs are extra.

Set out one 2 m module; repeat three times

Origin: front-left bed corner (0,0). x runs along the bed; y runs back from its front edge. All positions in metres.
R: (1.00, 1.30). S: (0.25, 0.65), (1.00, 0.65), (1.75, 0.65). N: (0.55, 0.25), (1.45, 0.25).
Add 2 m to every x for module two; add 4 m for module three. Do not reduce the spacing for larger cultivars.

Before buying or digging

Sunny temperate concept with well-drained root-zone soil. Confirm hardiness, heat tolerance, cultivar spread and access.
Persistent saturation: investigate drainage or change the plant list. Shade or hot climates: adapt plants and spacing.
Provide back-row maintenance access; check gates, utility services, drainage and safe support installation.
Mark bed and path, place every pot, then plant. Water the root ball and keep mulch clear of stems and crowns.