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Plant Mash-Up!

INSTRUCTIONS Consider the characteristics of two existing plants and use them to create your own plant mash-up with new qualities. You can use any plant you can think of, but here are some to get you started.

Beebalm

- Attracts pollinators, including hummingbirds and butterflies
- Aromatic, beautiful red flowers
- Spreads easily

Flowering Dogwood

- Beautiful flowers with nectar for pollinators
- Fruits poisonous to humans, but used as food by animals
- Bark can help reduce fever and relieve diarrhea and headaches

Oak

- Long-lived, large tree, often growing 50–70 feet tall
- Produces acorns, which is a food for many animals
- Produces hard wood that is good for building shelter and making furniture

Maximilian Sunflower

- Good for preventing erosion
- Perennial that doesn't require replanting
- Produces food for humans and animals

Rosemary

- Drought tolerant
- Delicious as an herb and useful as a soap ingredient
- Attracts pollinators

Blueberries

- Tasty source of antioxidants
- Helps lower risk of heart disease and cancer
- Drought tolerant

Name the two plants you are combining:

1._____ **2.**_____

Illustrate your hybrid below:

In the space below, describe the features of your hybrid and explain how your hybrid will benefit others.