

SHADE ANNUALS

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Smaller Flowers

Beacon Impatiens: Classic look with bonus disease-resistance for when summers are muggy.

Double Impatiens: Lots of fully double rose-like blooms cover the tops of the plants.



Larger Flowers

New Guinea Impatiens: Mounded plants are covered with big bright blooms.

Dragon Wing Begonia: Unique flowers dangle from hanging baskets on semi-trailing stems.

Color For Shade

It's true: there are color choices for shade areas of the garden, whether you're looking for flowers or foliage. Our collection of shade annuals includes Impatiens, Begonia, and Coleus varieties that work in sun or shade, but truly thrive in shade. This is color that sticks around all season: flowering selections bloom steadily until frost, and our colorful Coleus varieties have leaves that do not fade. Plus all of our shade annuals are very low-maintenance!



Lush Carpets of Color

Impatiens is a garden staple and one reason it is so popular is for the famous carpet of color it provides. Blooms cover the tops of the plants so densely that barely any green is visible underneath, and they continue to do so all season long. Beacon is the classic style, with added disease resistance to stand up to hot, humid weather that causes other Impatiens to fold. Double Impatiens have rose-like blooms that are extra fluffy and ruffy.



Colorful Foliage

Coleus

Campfire: Vibrant orange foliage glows in gardens and containers.

Electric Lime: Bright lemon-lime that doesn't fade in the sun.

Heartbreaker: Full bodied with a beautiful no-fade pink pattern.

Pinkplosion: Serrated edges with a contrasting pink bicolor pattern. *Pink coloration lasts longer into the summer.

Ruby Slipper: Deeper, darker, and more red than others.

FlameThrower Series:

Cajun Spice: Vibrant orange with contrasting green edging.

Chili Pepper: Narrow leaves with red centers and green edges.

Habañero: Fiery orange with purple at the center and edges.

Salsa Roja: Exciting burgundy-red color. Vigorous!

Caladium

Oversized heart-shaped leaves have dramatic speckles or veining to make them even more eye-catching! It thrives in very shady areas such as under tree canopies or against buildings.

Dramatic Eye-Catching Flowers

For larger blooms go with New Guinea Impatiens. These plants are much bigger, with leaves that are thicker and tougher. They form mounds rather than lying flat like typical Impatiens, and they can handle the sun as well as the shade. New Guineas are often used in baskets and containers.

Another dramatic flower for shade is the Dragon Wing Begonia. It's known for its unique pendulous blooms that are usually seen dangling out of hanging baskets. Dragon Wing is a good choice if you have a large container to fill because the plant grows pretty big. As a Begonia, it's also very forgiving if you forget to water once in a while.

Psychedelic Leaves All Around

If you like a little paisley in your closet you'll love Coleus in your shade garden! You get color all around, all the time, because it's right in the leaves. Choose from a wide variety of bright solid colors and fun multicolor patterns. Use Coleus to liven up the garden or containers—there are slight variations in size but you can actually control that by the amount of water you give the plants. More water makes Coleus grow taller and less water keeps it a bit shorter. Colors are the most intense in shade, but these varieties do not fade, even in partial sun.

