



Annuals For Shady Spots

Yes! You can have great bold colors or soft pastels in your shady areas. Each season it seems like growers come out with a few more varieties for shade gardening.

Have you checked out all the new coleus' that's hit the market in the last few years? Some of them make you forget to mix them with flowers! Don't forget that many tropical plants enjoy the shade too!

The first step in successfully growing any plant in shade is in understanding what kind of shade you have.

Full Shade: Full shade occurs in a location which is in deep shade all day. Most shade loving annuals need some sun and will have a difficult time thriving in full shade. Can you grow grass here? If not, you will have difficulty growing almost any plant in this location.

Part Shade: A location with part shade will have a half day of sun either in the morning or afternoon.

Light Shade A location with light shade is usually created by high tree limbs. The ground underneath gets dappled sunlight and times of full sun or shade throughout the day.

Keep in mind that the list may look short, but the number of colors and varieties within these categories is much larger!

Begonia (angelwing, wax & tuberous)

Blackeyed Susan Vine

Brachycome

Browallia

Caladium

Coleus

Fushsia

Hypoestes

Impatiens

Ivy Geranium

Lobelia

Mimulus

New Guinea Impatiens

Nicotiana

Salvia

Thunbergia
Torenia
Viola
Vinca Vine