

## Growing in Shady Spaces

What grows in shade? This is a common question at Joe's Greenhouse from customers tired of the same-old shade areas. Whether you're a garden pro or just starting out, check out the ideas below for reliable, gorgeous solutions for your shady spaces.



### Hosta

Hosta's big, bold leaves feature defined edges and graceful outlines. With over 30 varieties to choose from and foliage ranging from the tiny Blue Mouse Ears to the Gigantic Empress Wu" and "shades of green, white, blue, and gold, Joe's Greenhouse hostas are a shade staple.



### Coleus

Coleus "Wizard Mix" foliage sports show-stopping shades of burgundy, yellow, lime green, and orange and splashes of pink! Perfect for beds and planters with its compact growth and lush colors, Coleus brings an exotic pop to shady spaces. A new variety at Joe's Greenhouse is "Kong Lime Sprite" featuring large green-edged leaves with bold burgundy centers. This award winning variety is sure to stand out in your shady spaces.



**Top:** Coleus "Wizard Mix" **Middle:** Assorted Hosta **Bottom:** Coleus "Kong Lime Sprite"  
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**Above: Wax Leaf Begonias**

These waxy leaved beauties come in green or bronzed leaf varieties and show-off delicate blooms of pink, scarlet, and white. Mix bloom and leaf colors for depth and interest.



**Above: Vinca Minor**

Possibly one of the lowest-maintenance shade plants once established, Vinca Minor not only fills in as a groundcover without becoming too invasive, but thrives in either sun or shade! Deep green leaves and bright blue blooms brighten shady spaces, including around the base of trees.

**Right: Bleeding Heart Dicentra**

An adeptly named plant, this graceful shade lover features feathery foliage and an abundance of whimsical heart-shaped blossoms dangling from arched stems. This year at Joe's we have three varieties available. The large leaved pink blossomed Spectabilis Bleeding Heart, the feathery, more delicate red-pink Luxuriant Bleeding Heart, and White Bleeding Heart. This old-fashioned perennial is a long-time favorite for great spring color and season-long charm.



**Left: "Jack Frost" Brunnera**

Awarded the 2012 Perennial of the Year by the Perennial Plant Association, "Jack Frost" not only tolerates shade but thrives in it. Silvery leaves with dark green edges and veining contrast brilliant blue blossom clusters in spring. An over-all winner for showy foliage and flowers, Brunnera is also fairly deer and rabbit resistant.

**Right: Fuchsia**

Unique blossom shapes and intense pinks and purples are the highlight of this trailing shade plant. These make excellent hanging baskets! Water and fertilize regularly for glowing color through the summer.





### Torenia

Bright blue bells adorn long trailing vines. Very attractive to hummingbirds and with summer long color, Torenia is a great solution for shady baskets and planters.



### Impatiens

The super-star of shade annuals, impatiens are a sure winner for continuous summer color. Mounding foliage and incredibly vibrant blossoms available in pinks, reds, oranges, whites, and purples makes impatiens the eye-catcher with almost universal appeal. If you haven't tried these before, you better take a look at these vibrant, monotony-busting shade lovers.



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Pictured Above: "Non-Stop Orange" Tuberous Begonia

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