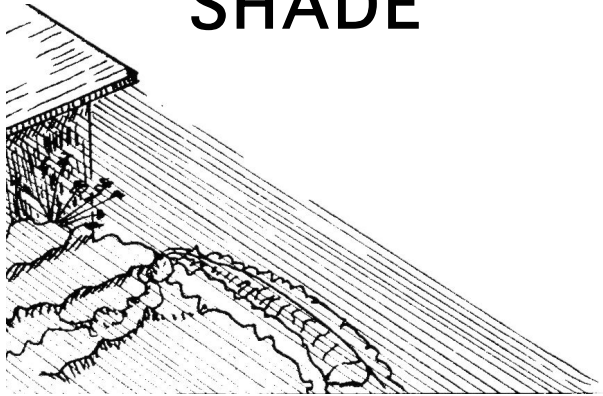


ANNUALS FOR SHADE



Flowering annual plants bloom from spring to fall. They **don't overwinter**, but the **reward of low maintenance continuous color** is worth the effort of planting out in May.

The bright, glowing colors of **flowering annuals**, mixed with **foliage** plants and **grasses** will create a tapestry of **light and texture** in the shade of trees or in the shadow of a neighboring building.

Prepare the soil for annuals as you would for a vegetable garden. **The same steps apply.** → See **Growing Tips 18** Plan a Vegetable Garden.

| FLOWERING ANNUALS | Prefers | Color |
|---|---------|-------------------|
| Browallia (<i>Browallia speciosa</i>) | ●●△△ | B,I,V,W |
| Flowering Tobacco (<i>Nicotiana glauca</i>) | ○●△ | R,Y,G,W,P |
| Foxglove, Camelot™ series (<i>Digitalis hybrid</i>) | ●△ | Y,V,W,P |
| Fuchsia (<i>Fuchsia x hybrida</i>) | ●●△△ | R,I,V,W,P |
| Impatiens (<i>Impatiens wallerana</i>) | ●●△ | R,O,V,W,P |
| Lobelia (<i>Lobelia erinus</i>) | ●●△ | B,I,V,W,P |
| New Guinea Impatiens (<i>Impatiens hawkeri</i>) | ●●△△ | R,O,V,W,P |
| Pansy, Viola (<i>Viola</i> spp.) | ○●△ | R,O,Y,B,I,V,W,P |
| Rieger Begonia (<i>Begonia x hiemalis</i>) | ○●△ | R,O,Y,W,P |
| Tuberous Begonia (<i>Begonia x tuberhybrida</i>) | ●●△ | R,O,Y,W,P |
| Twinspur (<i>Diascia</i> hybrid) | ●△△ | R,O,W,P |
| Wax Begonia (<i>Begonia x semperflorens</i>) | ○●△ | R,W,P |
| Wishbone Flower (<i>Torenia</i> hybrid) | ●●△ | Y,V,W,P |
| FOLIAGE ANNUALS | | |
| Bloodleaf (<i>Iresine herbstii</i>) | ●●△ | R,O,G,V,W,P multi |
| Joseph's Coat (<i>Alternanthera ficoidea</i>) | ●●△ | R,O,Y,G,V,P multi |
| Coleus (<i>Solenostemon</i> hybrids) | ●●△ | R,O,Y,G,V,P multi |
| Fancy-leaved Caladium (<i>Caladium bicolor</i>) | ●△△ | R,O,G,V,W,P multi |
| Rex Begonia (<i>Begonia rex</i> hybrid) | ●●△ | R,O,G,V,P multi |
| Shamrock (<i>Oxalis</i> spp.) | ●●△ | O,Y,G,V |
| Perilla (<i>Perilla frutescens</i>) | ●△ | R,G,V,P multi |

○ Sun – 4 to 6 hours ● Part shade ● Shade
 △ Average moisture △△ Steady moisture
 Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, Violet. White, Pink

| ANNUAL GRASSES | Prefers | Color |
|---|---------|-------------|
| Sedge (<i>Carex</i> spp.) | ○●△△ | O,Y,G,W |
| Ornamental Millet (<i>Pennisetum</i> spp.) | ○●△ | R, G, I,V,P |

Keep it Simple

- Combine **contrasting colors** for dramatic visual effect. **Multi-colored foliage** plants will tie everything together! Include tall plants for **architectural interest**.
- **Plant sturdy, well-grown young plants** after the last frost in your area.
- **Space** according to directions on the label. Plants should grow to touch each other to discourage weeds.
- **Mulch, then water with care** throughout the season, as necessary. → See **Growing Tips 6** Watering New Plantings

Great Combos

Plants in the combinations below are listed by height, low to high.

- **Sun/Part shade:** twinspur, flowering tobacco, perilla, ornamental millet
- **Part shade:** impatiens, coleus, foxglove, sedge
- **Shade:** lobelia, wishbone flower, fancy-leaved caladium, Joseph's coat, sedge

Nifty Note

Rieger and tuberous begonias, as well as fancy-leaved caladiums, have **tubers** (fat, root-like structures) that can be lifted in the fall, dried, and stored over winter.

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