

# New Versions of Old Favorites for Shade Containers

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## Laguna Ultraviolet *Lobelia erinus*

If you've been avoiding lobelias because they fade away during the midsummer heat, give this new variety a try. Ultra violet is said to produce its bright purple flowers from spring until a hard frost hits. Growing 6 to 12 inches tall, it is perfect as a filler or a spiller. Water thoroughly, then let the soil dry before watering again. Butterflies and birds love the blooms. Needs 4 hours of sunlight daily and will also do well in sunnier spots.



## Laguna Cloud White *Lobelia erinus*

If you're wanting to add some evening shimmer to your plantings, White Cloud is a great choice. Like its companion, this variety does well in the heat and humidity of summer. Give it about 4 hours of sun daily and it will bloom until frosty nights come. The 6 - 12" plants work well as spillers or fillers. No deadheading needed and as an extra bonus, bees love it.





## Bluebird *Nemesia fruticans*

Bluebird looks too delicate to be a garden mainstay, but don't let its charming appearance fool you. Given part sun and regular waterings, Bluebird will reward you with both blooms and a delicate, clove fragrance all summer. No deadheading required so minimal maintenance is required. Typically, 10 - 12" tall, it works as a filler or makes a dramatic statement on its own. Bees love it.



## Rockapulco Appleblossom *Impatiens walleriana*

My personal favorite this year is the double impatiens named Appleblossom. The plethora of soft pink blooms on the rounded plant is a show-stopper, especially against its dark green foliage. Wanting no more than 4 hours of sun a day, Appleblossom is considered a full shade plant. It is disease resistant and doesn't need to be deadheaded to keep blooming.





## ColorBlaze ElBrighto *Coleus scutellarioides*

Plant ElBrighto to bring a burst of purple, orange and yellow to a shady corner of your yard all summer long, then bring it inside to brighten up dreary, winter days. Perfect as a thriller, ElBrighto usually stands about 24" tall, but can reach 40" tall. Although it does well in sunnier locations, this coleus appreciates full shade.





## Color Blaze Newly Noir *Coleus cutellarioides*

For those who love drama in the garden, Newly Noir could be the answer. Featuring deep black to deep purple foliage, Newly Noir stand 24 - 40" tall. It is heat tolerant and will do well in a partial sun location. The perfect thriller, it is sure to draw everyone's eye.





## Space Age Black Hole *Begonia rex*

Another favorite for a night garden, Black Hole begonia brings silver leaves bordered by shades of rich burgundy blending into touches of black. At 18" tall, Black hole loves a full shade location but will also thrive in about 4 - 6 hours per day of sunlight.





## Space Age Europa *Begonia rex*

At first glance, Europa seems to be a twin to a Black Hole begonia. Looking closer, though, the differences stand out. While the leaves are silver, the veins and edges are accented in shades of light pink and lavender with just a bit of black, giving this begonia a more delicate feel. Slightly smaller than Black Hole, Europa stands on 15 - 18" tall. It needs good drainage, average soil and full to part shade.