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Top 10 Annuals (Categories!) for Containers





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VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

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Ball Horticultural Company

Founded in 1904
Family owned, 4th Generation
West Chicago, Illinois
Over 5000 employees world-wide
26 Countries
Breeding, Production (of plant inputs), Distribution
Publishing, Grower Talks, Ball RedBook
Star Roses and Plants, Knock Out Roses
Wave Petunias
Burpee Home Gardens





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Basics:
Planting

- Use fresh soil mix-decomposing roots from last season's dumped containers will sap nitrogen from the soil
- Mix in time-release fertilizer & water-saving crystals to ensure your customers' success
- Wet soil thoroughly before planting – soil "settling" delays finishing time

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Tips & Tricks

- Combine plants with similar vigor, and light requirements
- Use larger sized plants of slower growing items
- For large containers use old pots to fill bottom of container – you won't use as much soil so it's lighter to move!
Note: may have to water more!
- Leave really vigorous plants like Ipomoea in their pot to naturally limit their growth
- Put a flattened coffee filter inside the bottom of your pots to cover the hole- soil won't seep out onto your clean floors if indoors

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Thriller = Focal item. Typically, the tallest or showiest

Spiller = Prostrate or climbing. Hides pot edges

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Thriller

Fillers

Spillers

Pineapple lily (Eucornis 'Aloha Lily Lela')
Petunia (Petunia Sun Spun® Silver)
Callitriche (Callitriche Superdell® Grape Punch)
Bugleweed (Ajuga Pink Lightning)

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Archangel and Angelmist spreading Angelonia



Angelonia Archangel Pink

Spacing: 10 - 12" (25 - 30cm)
Height: 12 - 14" (30 - 36cm)
Width: 10 - 12" (25 - 30cm)



Angelmist Spreading purple
Angelmist Spreading Pink



Blue Bi-color



Raspberry



Spacing: 9 - 12" (23 - 30cm)
Height: 4 - 10" (10 - 25cm)
Width: 12 - 20" (30 - 51cm)

Thriller

Filler

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Dragon Wing Begonia

Seed
Sun or Shade
Unique, hanging habit
Red and Pink
Foliage red in sun, green in shade
Spacing: 12 - 15"
Height: 12 - 15"
Width: 15 - 18"

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Canary Wing Begonia



Height: 12 - 18" (30 - 46cm)
Width: 15 - 18" (38 - 46cm)

Thriller Spiller

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Drama Queen

- Pennisetum purpureum Vertigo
- **Canary Wings Begonia**
- Impatiens Beacon Violet Shades

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Thriller

Gryphon
Begonia x hybrida

Shade
Spacing: 16 - 18" (41 - 46cm)
Height: 14 - 16" (36 - 41cm)
Width: 16 - 18" (41 - 46cm)



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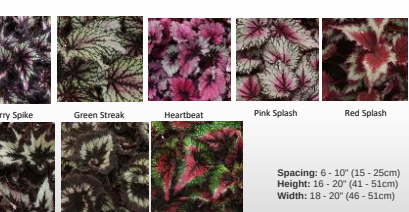


Thriller

Jurassic Rex Begonia

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Thriller

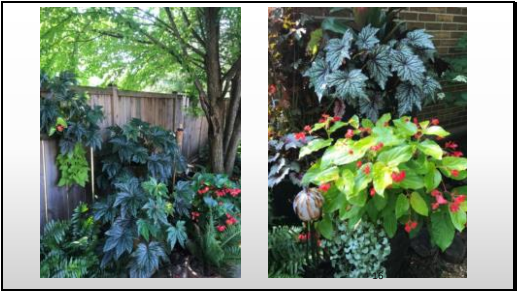
Jurassic Rex Begonia

				
Cherry Spike	Green Streak	Heartbeat	Pink Splash	Red Splash
				
Silver Point	Silver Swirl	Watermelon		

Spacing: 6 - 10" (15 - 25cm)
Height: 16 - 20" (41 - 51cm)
Width: 16 - 20" (41 - 51cm)

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Calibrachoa Cha-Cha™





Tangerine



Apricot



Hot Pink



White



Deep Blue

New vigorous calibrachoa series

- 5 colors, including two "chameleon" types: Diva Hot Pink and Diva Apricot
- Profusely flowering plants create mounded baskets of color



Spacing: 8 - 12" (20 - 30cm)
Height: 6 - 12" (15 - 30cm)
Width: 12 - 24" (30 - 61cm)

Filler

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Lively

- Mecardonia Little Sunshine
- Salvia Roman Red
- Verbena Endurascap Red Improved
- Bidens Bee Bold
- Calibrachoa Cabaret Bright White
- Calibrachoa Cabaret White
- Bacopa Versa Blue
- Geranium Dynamo Red

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Cannova Canna



Red w/ Bronze Leaf

Yellow

CANNA CANNOVA
ORANGE BRONZE

Height: 4 Ft.
Width : 2 ft.
Taller in containers, wetter areas

Thriller

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Cannova F₁ Series Canna



Bronze Scarlet

Lemon

Red Shades

Yellow



Rose

Mango

Orange Shades

Bronze

Thriller

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Pepper Perfection

- Verbena Firehouse Red
- Ornamental Pepper Sedona Sun
- Ipomoea Spotlight Red
- **Canna Cannova Golden Flame (2023 introduction)**
- Purslane Rio Grande Scarlet
- Angelonia Archangel White

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Spice it Up

- **Canna Cannova Bronze Orange**
- Verbena Endurascapae Blue
- Coleus Flamethrower Cajun Spice
- Bidens Bee Bold
- Zinnia Double Zahara Bright Orange
- Begonia Whopper Bronze Leaf Red

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Tropical Drink

- Mandevilla Tourmaline Deep Rose
- Begonia Whopper Bronze Leaf Red
- Lantana Lucky Sunrise Red
- **Canna Cannova Mango**
- ColorGrass Carex Red Rooster

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Coleus FlameThrower™





Spacing: 16 - 18" (41 - 46cm)
Height: 12 - 18" (30 - 46cm)
Width: 16 - 18" (41 - 46cm)

Filler

- Compact habit for small containers and combinations
- Excellent garden performance and a season extender item
- Holds color in sun or shade

Salsa Roja

Serrano

Salsa Verde

Chili Pepper

Spiced Curry

Habanero

Chipotle

Serrano
(dark blue/pink/cream edging)

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FlameThrower Series Coleus


Chipotle


Spiced Curry


Chili Pepper


Filler

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Contrast

- Ornamental Pepper Black Pearl
- Lysimachia Goldilocks
- Coleus Flamethrower Salsa**
- Angelonia Angelmist Spreading Dark Purple
- Petunia Easy Wave Lavender Sky Blue
- Sedum Prima Angelina

Note that this design was in the direct line of the sprinkler system hence the petunia flowers were affected.

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Impatiens Beacon™


Orange


Coral


Bright Red


Pink


White


Lavender


Red


Red


Red

High resistance to Impatiens downy mildew!

Impatiens downy mildew disease led to a global decline in demand and sales of one of the top bedding plants: Impatiens walleriana.

Traditional shade plant is a low-maintenance, must-have plant for shade gardens.

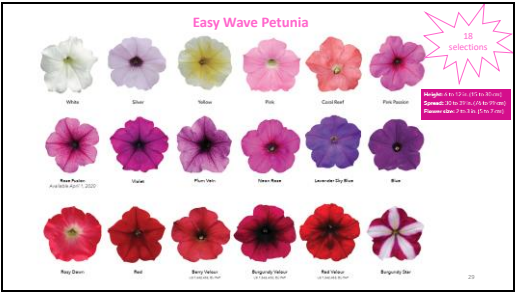
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Height: 14 - 18" (36 - 46cm)
Width: 12 - 14" (30 - 36cm)


Filler

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Bright in the Sun

- Celosia Sol Lizard Leaf
- Salvia Skyscraper Pink
- **Petunia Easy Wave Rose Fusion**
- Vinca Titan Burgundy
- Zinnia Double Zahara Yellow

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NEW Shock Wave Purple Tie Dye

The next new variety is **Shock Wave Purple Tie Dye**. This variety is a playful bicolor-type with purple-blue and white flowers, within the same plant. This is another novelty-type variety with a unique flower pattern and consumers helped name as Purple Tie Dye.



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Super Star

- Calibrachoa MiniFamous Uno Pink Star
- Vinca Titan Polka Dot
- Angelonia Archangel Dark Purple
- Lobularia Passionaria White
- Cyperus Papyrus
- **Petunia Shock Wave Purple Tie Dye**

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Petunia Bee's Knees





Filler



Spacing: 18 - 24" (46 - 61cm)
Height: 8 - 10" (20 - 25cm)
Width: 16 - 22" (41 - 56cm)
Best performing yellow petunia
Deep yellow color doesn't fade
Mounded habit



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Bee Bright

- Zinnia Zahara Bright Orange
- Verbena Lascar Dark Violet
- **Petunia Bee's Knees**
- Celosia Lizzard Leaf
- Millet Jade Princess

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ColorRush™ Series Petunia

Great in-ground, larger containers

Spacing: 24" (61cm)
Height: 10 - 12" (25 - 30cm)
Width: 24 - 36" (61 - 91cm)

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Salvia White Flame





- Excellent heat tolerance
- Upright and vigorous habit
- Great pollinator plant for late Spring and Summer



Spacing: 12 - 18" (30 - 46cm)
Height: 18 - 24" (46 - 61cm)
Width: 12 - 18" (30 - 46cm)

Thriller

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NEW Purple & Bloom Salvia

Super pollinator Plant!!!

Offers the same flower power and performance as Black & Bloom.

Pollinator magnet! (Hummingbirds!)

Large-bodied plant is great for the landscape or large containers.

Height: 40-48" (102-122cm)
Spread: 36-48" (91-122cm)
Exposure: Partial Sun, Sun

Thriller

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Mystic Spires & Mystic

Salvia Mystic Spires

Salvia Mystic Spires improved

Mystic Spires
Spacing: 12 - 18" (30 - 46cm)
Height: 18 - 24" (46 - 61cm)
Width: 12 - 18" (30 - 46cm)

Salvia Mystic Spires

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Tropical Trend

- Alocasia Dark Star
- **Salvia Black & Bloom**
- Alternanthera Purple Prince
- Vinca Titan Burgundy White
- Petunia Main Stage Violet Picotee
- Salvia Black & Blue
- Angelonia Angelmist Berry Sparkler
- Zinnia Double Zahara Bright Orange

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Thrillers & Spillers



Dichondra Silver Falls



Plectranthus Silver Shield



Helichrysum Silver Mist

Silver Foliage



Purple Knight Alternanthera



Purple Prince Alternanthera



Purple Lady Iresine

Spiller

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Plectranthus Silver Shield



Plectranthus Nicoletta



Spacing: 18 - 24" (46 - 61cm)
Height: 8 - 10" (20 - 25cm)
Width: 18 - 24" (46 - 61cm)

Spiller

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Dichondra Silver Falls



Spacing: 18 - 48" (46 - 122cm)
Height: 2 - 3" (5 - 8cm)
Width: 36 - 48" (91 - 122cm)

Spiller

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Simply Bold

- **Ipomoea Solar Power Red Heart**
- Pennisetum purpureum Vertigo
- Begonia Whopper Bronze Leaf Red
- (photo does not do this container justice! Color much better in person and it is a BIG design)

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SolarTower™ Ipomoea

**The first-ever self-climbing
ipomoeal**

Ideal for patio pots with a small trellis, as a topiary or on a vertical wall planting.

Also recommended as a thriller in mixed combos, climbing up a small bamboo stick.

**Black
Lime**

Spacing: 36 - 48" (91 - 122cm)
Height: 48 - 84" (122 - 213cm)
Width: 36 - 48" (91 - 122cm)

Thriller Spiller



Ball Grounds Late August

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Mahogany Splendor Hibiscus
Hibiscus acetosella

- 4-5' Background foliage
- Hot & Dry, or Wet!
- Light frost

Spacing: 24 - 36" (61 - 91cm)
Height: 36 - 60" (91 - 152cm)
Width: 24 - 30" (61 - 76cm)

Thriller



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Philodendron Shangri-La



Thriller

- Great foliage plant
- Non-vining, dense-clumping
- Bushier than the industry standard
- Does best in cool sunlight or shade
- Juvenile leaves become fingered, unlike other varieties, appears as mature at a diminutive age

Spacing: 24 - 36" (61 - 91cm)
Height: 24 - 36" (61 - 91cm)
Width: 36 - 48" (91 - 122cm)
Exposure: Shade, Partial Sun

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Thriller

A Cup of Peace

- Philodendron Shangri-La
- Begonia Spring Fling Buttercup

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Working From Home-

(from Joan's house)

- Canna Cannova Bronze Leaf Scarlet
- Coleus Red Head
- Petunia Headliner Dark Saturn
- Verbena EnduraScape White Blush
- **Dichondra Silver Falls**
- Begonia Whopper Bronze Leaf Red

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Still Working from Home!

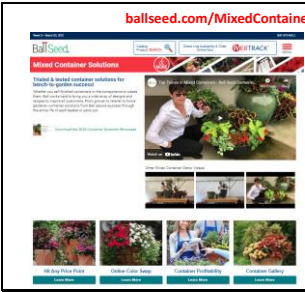
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- **Cannova Bronze Leaf Peach** (2021 Introduction)
- Coleus Mighty Mosaic
- **Salvia Misty**
- Verbena EnduraScape White Blush
- **Petunia Wave Classic Purple**
- Marigold Taishan Yellow

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