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## Three degrees of shade

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### Somewhat Shady Areas

When the garden is only partially shaded, the possibilities in plants are almost endless, even when the garden receives more shade than sun.

Day lilies are one of the most versatile perennials and offer a full spectrum of flower colours. In partially shaded areas, they produce lots of blooms, although not to the extreme profusion that they do in full-sun locations.

For a striking and colourful groundcover in the partially shaded garden, try the Variegated Fleeceflower (*Fallopia japonica* "Variegata"). This outstanding new plant has lacy foliage in subtle shades of green, white, pink and rose and clusters of fine, feathery white flowers. Suitable vines include variegated Virginia creeper "Starshowers" (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*) and some of the species of clematis (but not the hybrid varieties).

In annuals, impatiens provide a solid carpet of flowers in an unsurpassed range of colours. *Browallia* grows into a striking, rounded bush that is absolutely covered with gorgeous bluebell-like flowers; it does best in a site sheltered from wind.

*Nemesia's* open-faced flowers resemble miniature orchids, and *nemophila* has delicate flowers in

either pure sky-blue or black with white accents. Ivy and zonal geraniums take more shade than other types, as do double-flowered petunias.

Use coleus, dracaena, dusty miller, spider plant or any type of ivy to accent shaded planters. Hanging baskets of fuchsia or black-eyed Susan vine, with bits of lobelia and trailing ivy tucked in, look stunning hooked onto branches of trees.

### Planting Shady Gardens

New perennials and bedding plants should be added to shady gardens late in the spring, in early or mid June, after the soil has become warm to the touch. I usually advocate planting early in spring as a means of extending the growing season, but shaded areas are an exception to this rule. Shade-loving plants are fussy about temperatures and can suffer at even a few degrees above freezing.

Remember that the amount of shade your garden receives changes over the years as plants mature. Even during a growing season, it will change as trees leaf out or reach their mature heights and the sun moves to a different angle in the summer sky.

—By Lois Hole

(You can pick up Lois Hole's latest book, *Spring Gardening*, at leading garden centres and book stores across Canada.)



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