

2 'Black Pearl'

ornamental pepper has black-purple leaves. Clusters of peppers ripen bright red on 2-foot-tall, self-branching bushes.



3 'Fiesta Double'

impatiens are like miniature roses for the shade garden. Besides salmon, blooms are cherry, purple, white, orange, and blush. They pair well with caladiums and polka-dot plants.

4 'Best Red'

mandevilla, a tropical vine, opens a profusion of pink flowers that intensify to lipstick red. Give it a half day or more of sun.



5 'Angelface Blue'

angelonia, or summer snapdragon, blooms profusely in all kinds of weather and can be cut for bouquets.

6 'Dragon Wing'

begonias in red, coral, and pink are joined this year by 'BabyWing Pink' and 'BabyWing White'—perfect plants for small-space, up-close gardens.



7 'Diamond Frost'

euphorbia grows knee high and covers itself in a froth of tiny white flowers. The plant, which needs full sun, is both heat- and drought-tolerant.



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'Sticks on Fire'

is also a sun-loving euphorbia (like No. 7) but different—very different. Its tiny leaves can go unnoticed at the tips of pencil-thin, yellow-green stems that turn orange-red when nights are cool. In arid climates 'Sticks on Fire' can be planted in the ground; elsewhere, for proper drainage, it is better suited to a pot. It winters easily when kept nearly dry in a frost-free place. 🌱

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