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*Each of our perennial, annual, and shrubs sections have areas dedicated to plants that enjoy shade from the intense Colorado sun.*

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## Made for the Shade

Annuals, perennials, and shrubs for shady areas



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## Shady Solutions

Considered a tricky piece of real estate are those areas under large trees or northern exposures. The secret to gardening success in these conditions may require a little analysis.

### Sun Exposure?

If the area receives four hours or less of sun per day, shade-loving plants may be the answer. If lack of moisture is not a factor, there are shade loving plants that will enjoy soil rich in organic matter and moist roots.

**Hydrangea**  
**Daphne**  
**Rhododendron**  
**Holly**  
**Yew**  
**Spirea**  
**Cotoneaster**  
**Irish moss**  
**Creeping Jenny**  
**Creeping Veronica**  
**Sweet Woodruff**  
**English Ivy**  
**Brunnera**

**Fern**  
**Astilbe**  
**Hellebores**  
**Tiarella**  
**Bleeding hearts**  
**Hosta**  
**Oregon Grape Holly**  
**Euonymus**

### Lack of Moisture?

Moisture is another factor to consider in conjunction with your shady area. For example, if one is trying to plant under a pine tree, it may not be the acidic soil condition that is the overwhelming problem, but moreover, tremendous root volume competing for space and moisture. If this describes an area with which you've had trouble, consider shade-type plants that do not require a lot of water such as:

**Euonymus**  
**Oregon Grape Holly**  
**Pyracantha**  
**Periwinkle**  
**Lily of the Valley**  
**Coral Bells**  
**Columbine**  
**Ajuga**  
**Foxglove**  
**Virginia Creeper Vine**

### Seasonal Color

Another palette of plants for the shade include annual flowers. Sited beneath a shady deck or dappled light, as under the canopy of trees, annuals can offer a bright burst of color. Some will need more moisture such as:

**Impatiens**  
**Fuschia**  
**Coleus**  
**Torenia**  
**Lobelia**  
**Nemesia**

While still others are more drought tolerant once roots are established:

**Begonias**  
**English Ivy**  
**Viola**  
**Vinca Vine**

