

## Colour for the shade

If you are looking for inspiration for shaded or semi shaded places in your garden and want to give that spot some WOW, consider fabulous fuchsias. These super shrubs will give you flower colour right throughout the Summer and combinations of colour on the same flower could almost be described as outrageous. Crazy bright cerise pinks combine with deep purples, smoky blues with cream and pinks on pink to mention a few.

Fuchsias are ideal in hanging baskets as well as containers and in the garden. Standard fuchsias make fabulous specimens planted in pots. Pop them at the front door where there is afternoon shade or in a semi shaded courtyard. Try them in the shady patches along the side of the house, like on the shady south facing wall.

When planting your fuchsias into the garden, add plenty of good quality compost and mulch with Magic Feeding Mulch to prevent drying out. To keep them growing and flowering well, deadhead the flowers and feed with iCan Fast Food liquid fertiliser or a slow-release fertiliser such as Osmocote. If you are planting into containers, ensure that you use a premium tub and patio or potting mix, as this will have water storing granules and a slow-release fertiliser already in it. Daltons Premium Tub and Patio Mix is a goody.

Fuchsias are deciduous, so don't panic when at the end of Autumn the leaves begin to fall. You can prune them back hard in the winter and repot and root prune them then too, so they are ready for another long summer.

Come into Decor Gardenworld and check out these humble plants and try some at your place. You will not be disappointed. The best thing is that if you plant them up now they will look great for Christmas and the summer holidays. Or choose a hanging basket that is already in full flower- they make a great pressie.



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