

# Top New Blue, Pink, and Purple Annuals for 2011

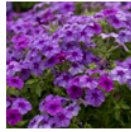
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'Intensia Blueberry' Phlox



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Easy Wave Pink Dawn Petunia



'Magnum Lavender' New Guinea Impatiens



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'Spanish Dancer' Sweet Pea



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## Black Velvet Petunia

Here's an eye-catcher! Black Velvet is marketed as the world's first black petunia and the color really is black. The dark blooms seem to pair well with everything, so you can enjoy perfect container combos.

**Name:** Black Velvet *Petunia*

**Growing conditions:** Full sun and moist, well-drained soil (<http://www.bhg.com/topics/lawn-and-garden/soil.htm>)

**Size:** To 12 inches tall and wide

**Grow it with:** Breathless euphorbia, an airy plant with white flowers (<http://www.bhg.com/topics/lawn-and-garden/flowers/flowers.htm>) that looks great with the petunia

**Source:** Watch for this variety at your local garden (<http://www.bhg.com/topics/lawn-and-garden/garden.htm>) center

**Available from seed:** No

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## 'Plentifall Lavender Blue' Pansy

A fun way to add excitement to early spring (<http://www.bhg.com/topics/home-improvement/seasonal/early-spring.htm>) and late fall containers, 'Plentifall Lavender Blue' pansy has a trailing habit, so you'll be delighted as it spills over the sides of hanging baskets and other containers.

**Name:** *Viola* 'Plentifall Lavender Blue'

**Growing conditions:** Full sun and moist, well-drained soil (<http://www.bhg.com/topics/lawn-and-garden/soil.htm>)

**Size:** To 8 inches tall and trailing to 24 inches

**Grow it with:** Stock, an early-flowering annual with fragrant flowers (<http://www.bhg.com/topics/lawn-and-garden/flowers/flowers.htm>) and an upright habit

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## 'Plentifall Purple Wing' Pansy

You don't usually think of pansies as trailing plants, but the Plentifall series, including 'Plentifall Purple Wing', offers such a habit, making it a perfect pick for hanging baskets and other containers.

**Name:** *Viola* 'Plentifall Purple Wing'

**Growing conditions:** Full sun and moist, well-drained soil (<http://www.bhg.com/topics/lawn-and-garden/soil.htm>)

**Size:** To 8 inches tall and trailing to 24 inches

**Grow it with:** *Nemesia*, an airy cool-weather-loving annual that looks great with pansies

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### 'Plentifall White' Pansy

As pure as fresh snow, 'Plentifall White' pansy is a gorgeous spring- or fall-blooming flower that sports a unique trailing habit that's perfect for use in containers.

**Name:** *Viola* 'Plentifall White'

**Growing conditions:** Full sun and moist, well-drained soil (<http://www.bhg.com/topics/lawn-and-garden/soil.htm>)

**Size:** To 8 inches tall and trailing to 24 inches

**Grow it with:** Spring bulbs, such as tulips, as the pansy will help hide the base of their stems in pots

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## 'Shock Wave Coconut' Petunia

Gardeners have come to know and love the Wave series of petunias for their strong garden (<http://www.bhg.com/topics/lawn-and-garden/garden.htm>) performance. 'Shock Wave Coconut' fits right in, producing a ton of small creamy-white flowers (<http://www.bhg.com/topics/lawn-and-garden/flowers/flowers.htm>) from the top of the plant to the bottom.

**Name:** *Petunia* 'Shock Wave Coconut'

**Growing conditions:** Full sun and moist, well-drained soil (<http://www.bhg.com/topics/lawn-and-garden/soil.htm>)

**Size:** To 15 inches tall and 36 inches wide

**Grow it with:** 'Shock Wave Denim' petunia, which has a similar habit but with soft purple-blue blooms

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## Easy Wave Pink Dawn Petunia

With its soft-pink color, easy-growing nature, and ability to produce tons of blooms, we think Easy Wave Pink Dawn will be a garden (<http://www.bhg.com/topics/lawn-and-garden/garden.htm>) winner. Its mounding, spreading habit makes it perfect for beds and borders, hanging baskets, and mixed containers.

**Name:** Easy Wave Pink Dawn *Petunia*

**Growing conditions:** Full sun and moist, well-drained soil (<http://www.bhg.com/topics/lawn-and-garden/soil.htm>)

**Size:** To 12 inches tall and 40 inches wide

**Grow it with:** Easy Wave White petunia, which offers the same plant habit but with soft-white flowers (<http://www.bhg.com/topics/lawn-and-garden/flowers/flowers.htm>).

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## 'Gryphon' Begonia

A fantastic performer last year in the Better Homes and Gardens Test Garden (<http://www.bhg.com/topics/lawn-and-garden/garden.htm>), 'Gryphon' begonia is a spectacular shade-loving specimen that shows off silvery, tropical-looking leaves and easy-growing habit.

**Bonus:** It grows well indoors, too, so you can treat it like a houseplant (<http://www.bhg.com/topics/lawn-and-garden/houseplants.htm>) all year or bring it in at the end of the season.

**Name:** *Begonia* 'Gryphon'

**Growing conditions:** Sun or shade and moist, well-drained soil (<http://www.bhg.com/topics/lawn-and-garden/soil.htm>)

**Size:** To 18 inches tall and wide

**Grow it with:** Purple elephant's ears, which creates an amazing tropical combo with this begonia

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## Phantom Petunia

Bold Phantom petunia is sure to catch your eye. This mounding plant offers black flowers (<http://www.bhg.com/topics/lawn-and-garden/flowers/flowers.htm>) highlighted with a creamy-yellow star in the center. It puts on a show all by itself in containers, or looks great with dark-leaf planting partners.

**Name:** Phantom *Petunia*

**Growing conditions:** Full sun and moist, well-drained soil

**Size:** To 12 inches tall and wide

**Grow it with:** Purple sweet potato (<http://www.bhg.com/topics/food-and-recipes/sweet-potato.htm>) vine, which will accent the rich flower colors

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