

Coleus duo low-maintenance pair for spring-to-frost color

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'Redhead' and 'Wasabi' coleus thrive in summer in sun or shade. Photo: VIVA! / HC

Just when I've settled on a favorite coleus, another catches my eye. This spring, two recent introductions are most tempting - bold 'Redhead' and zingy 'Wasabi.' 'Redhead' creates a 2-foot mound of velvety, scalloped leaves. 'Wasabi' forms an equally large mound of serrated, lime-green foliage.

Both were bred for sun, but they also do well in shade.

Each is showy enough to carry a container alone. But when their pots are paired, these coleus make a dynamic duo.

Zinnias and rudbeckias are other complementary partners in sun, in garden beds and containers. Impatiens will add additional color in shade.

A moist, well-draining soil is best. Pinch the growing tips to shape, if necessary.

'Wasabi' and 'Redhead' coleus will be included in the [Home Depot's](#) VIVA! collection this spring. kathy.huber@chron.com