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Red Head (*Solenostemon hybrida*)
Versa Crimson Gold Coleus (*Solenostemon scutellarioides*)



Red Head coleus

I combined these two coleus in hanging baskets that had late afternoon shade. Generally these plants were left on their own. I cut them back only twice during the growing season.



Red Head is truest red color in the Ball coleus collection. I like these newer coleus that can take the heat and hold their henna color in both full sun and part shade.

The Versa Coleus series includes Crimson Gold. These coleus were neglected, not fertilized, and inconsistently watered in hanging baskets. The bicolor leaves held their color, were vigorous, and quickly branched into a full mounded hanging basket.

All coleus will be gone with the first freeze, but till then, these plants provide bright, bold color on the patio.

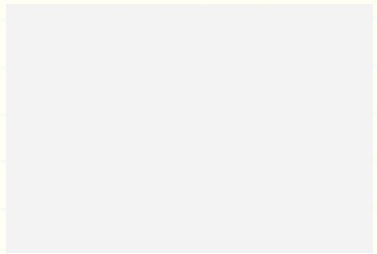


Bright color all season

I'll be using more coleus in my gardens because, unlike flowers, you get bold, season-long color.



If I can get bright, fade proof red in my garden all summer, I am inclined to plant it again next year. Most folks look at a garden at a distance. They just see the red. And this Ball Horticultural trial plant is a long lasting, fade proof burst of red in my garden from spring till frost. Look for it next spring.





Most of my trial plants went in containers like this.



Coleus gave my garden bright season-long color.

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