

new varieties 2012

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If you've been gardening for a while, you might have become a curmudgeon about new plants. For instance, you might think there's no way to improve on your faithful pink peony or your loyal carpet of grape muscari. Once you take a close look at the new, however, it's hard to remain indifferent. A ligularia with no bare stem between leaf and flower; an arugula that tastes like wasabi; a fragrant hydrangea with jagged petals; a rose splashed with ketchup and mustard—what gardener doesn't feel a twinge of desire (or a fierce yank) when faced with these creations? In that spirit, we bring you 21 of the best new plants for 2012.

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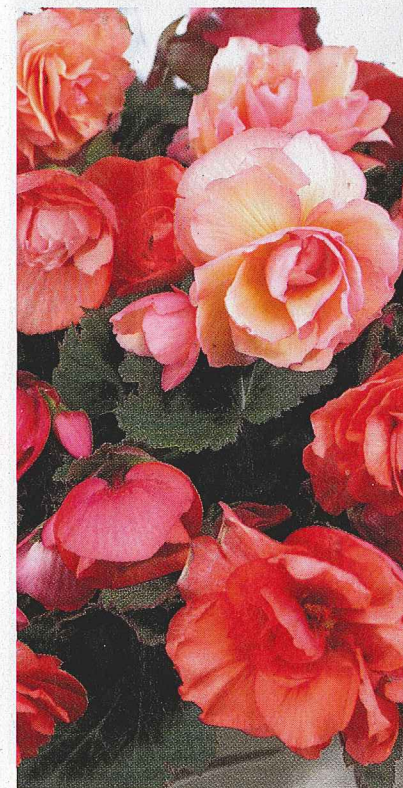
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Rosa 'Ausimple' Skylark

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Begonia 'Odorosa'

This begonia works twice as hard as your average begonia—it fills a shady spot with flowers while filling the air with fragrance. The pink and apricot double blooms of *Begonia* 'Odorosa'—which are at their best dripping down the side of a container or lighting up a shade garden—give off a wonderful scent. In addition to the perfumed petals, 'Odorosa' has glimmering green foliage with striking bronze accents.

Sun: Full sun to full shade
Soil: Rich, porous, well-drained
Height: 16 inches
Width: 10 to 12 inches
Source: Dutch Bulbs



Osteospermum ecklonis 'KLEOE10179' 3D Silver

This year, Ball introduces the first double osteospermum (also known as Cape daisy)—and this lovely lady can't wait to dance. Because this osteospermum blooms all day and all night, it's the perfect plant for your early spring containers. Wow the neighbors with a show that never stops. The 3D series is available in silver, pink, and purple.

Sun: Full sun
Soil: Fertile, slightly acidic, well-drained
Height: 12 to 16 inches
Width: 18 to 24 inches
Sources: Local garden centers



Verbena 'VEAZ0003' Superbena Royale Peachy Keen

Royale Peachy Keen verbena from Proven Winners is a sight to behold, with blooms that turn from a rich salmon color to a blush pink. Butterflies love its flower clusters. The best part? This verbena is no-nonsense about maintenance, heat, and bloom time. In fact, it won't run out of flowers till the first frost.

Sun: Full sun
Soil: Well-drained
Height: 6 to 10 inches
Width: 24 inches
Sources: Local garden centers; see Proven Winners Web site for store locator.

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See Cool Wave pansies, 'First Yellow' geranium, and Superbells Cherry Star at www.gardeningclub.com