

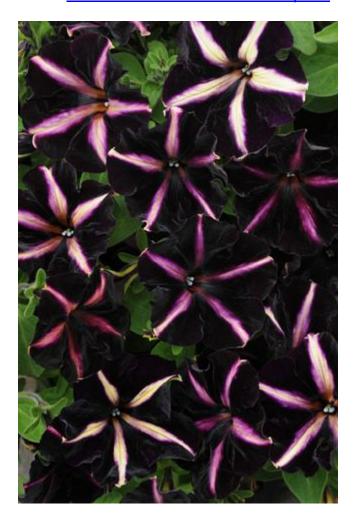
Petunias for grumps

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Don't get me wrong. I've got nothing against <u>petunias</u>. As long as they're in someone else's yard. They are just a little too happy for my taste. I can't live up to all that cheeriness.

Now here's a petunia--<u>Pinstripe</u> from Ball--more my style. Ball introduced three black <u>petunias</u> this year. A solid black one called <u>Black Velvet</u>, <u>Pinstripe</u>, and one with a much larger pale star called <u>Phantom.</u> I like them all but Pinstripe is definitely my favorite. We also picked it as one of our "25 Hot Plants to Grow Now" in the April issue. Click here to see the rest of our picks.



I am enjoying `Pinstripe' and `Black Velvet' in my garden all by their lonesome. But if this is too Gothic for your taste, brighten them up with something white and lacy.

