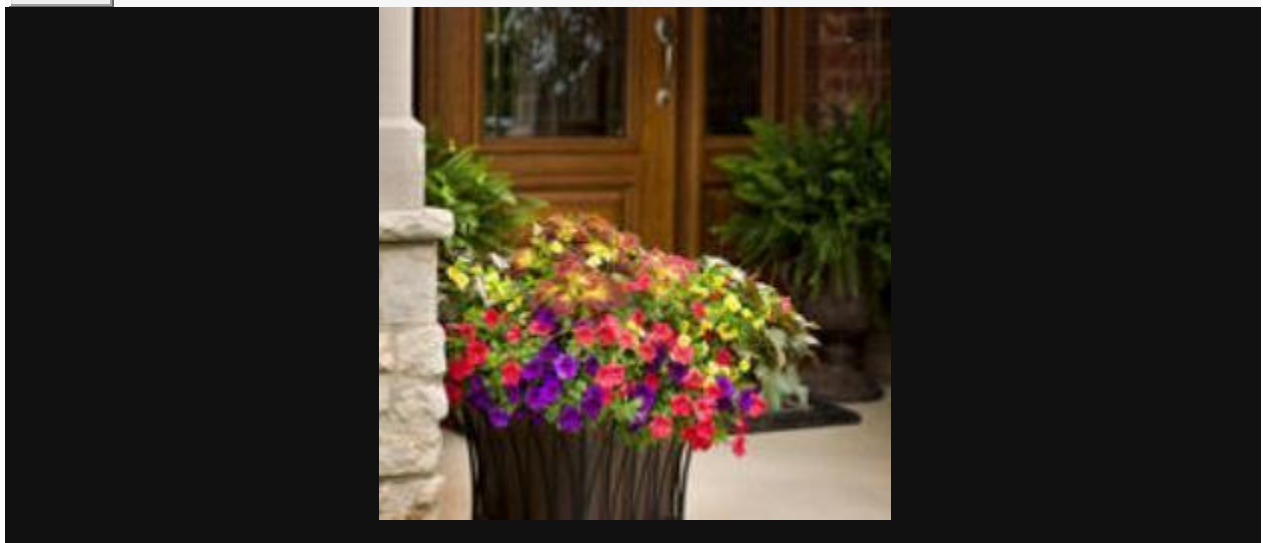




# Supertunias

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We recently decided to add a couple of large [container gardens](#) in front of our Fort Worth home's white picket fence in our yard to help celebrate the Fourth of July holiday. My better half and I both agreed to get a burst of [annuals](#) color and give "[Supertunias](#)" a try (the bright red hybrid [petunias](#)) along with some white [vinca](#) flowers, also annuals. It may be too early to tell yet, but it looks like we have a winner!

The two matching blue container gardens have been planted using several of the red "Supertunias" annuals and a bunch of white [vinca](#) annuals and all of the flowers are already beginning to respond nicely to their daily [water](#) supply.

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Try Supertunias for some striking red annuals color in your container gardens

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They are getting a full 8 hours of sun each day and a daily wand-watering to counteract the hot summer heat and are beginning to show signs of growth. Here's a few tips in case you want to give those "Supertunias" a try too.

- Select a large container with a water drain hole for your annual petunias.
- Add pottery shards, small stones or gravel to prevent soil from seeping out and protect Supertunias and vinca roots from standing in water at bottom of container.
- Place good quality potting soil with fertilizer mixed in with soil. Mix in compost from compost pile. Fill container gardens to just under rim.
- Make hole in center of soil in container garden for Supertunias and vincas from nursery pots and plant so tops of root balls are just at soil level.
- Add mulch over soil and water gently but thoroughly until water comes out of drain hole.

Jane Ford an Advanced Master Gardener also has these [suggestions about "Supertunias"](#)

*Petunias and other annuals are bountiful at every garden center in town — and they are "super" — especially those Supertunias.*

*If you have never tried them, or if this is the first year you have added these gorgeous petunias to your garden or container, you are in for a treat.*

*Several years ago I bought a 6-pack of red Supertunias, not realizing what they were, and soon became a believer. The large, silky looking blooms began to multiply almost immediately after being planted, and all summer long this plant outdid anything I had ever experienced.*

*Supertunias come in a wide variety of colors: purple, white, pink, rose, rose with green edged petals, yellow, red — and the list goes on and on.*

*They like direct sunlight and soil that has been amended with compost or, if in a container, a good potting soil mix.*

*They are vigorous growers, so they need to be watered every day or every other day if in a container, and at least once a week if in the ground.*

*As with all the hybrid petunias, they are heavy feeders. In other words, they need to be fertilized often. To satisfy their appetites, mix a slow-release fertilizer in the soil when planting, and use a liquid fertilizer in the watering can once a week.*

Watch the video [Annuals For Sun](#) and view the slide show [Supertunias-Proven Winners](#) for more information on planting Supertunias those bright annuals.