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# annual keepers: things i'll re-order next year

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IT WAS A HARD YEAR FOR ANNUALS HERE: crazy rains and no heat to speak of. But one plant that impressed me (and still is, despite several nights lately in the high 30s), was an impatiens called 'Fusion Glow' (above). As I take the garden apart for winter, I'm keeping a list of good plants like this I'll want to have again, because my memory sometimes tricks me by the time spring and annual-shopping roll around.

I'm not usually much of an impatiens lover, but ['Fusion Glow' and the Fusion series](#) from the giant breeders Ball Horticultural will have a place here again next year for its mounding habit and free-flowering, and of course its lovely color (one of several in the series).



Also on my list to be sure to track down for next year: [that elusive 'Terra Cotta' viola](#) (above) I couldn't find locally this year and should have ordered in advance. Come to think of it, Viola 'Blue Bronze' is on the list, too; I just didn't love the substitutes I grew this year, as I have complained before.



Oh, and that variegated *Abutilon* I found without a label on it (which I have since ID'd). [It's named 'Savitzii,'](#) and it will be here again in 2010; I'm asking my garden center to get it from the wholesaler for me. Though it produces orange flowers, all I really care about is those bold leaves (above).

What's on your list so far as a repeat customer, a keeper (even if you cannot literally carry it over yourself)?

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