

COREY'S LIST OF THE EASIEST-TO-GROW ANNUALS



COLEUS

One of the easiest foliage plants you can grow. Great in containers and landscape beds. Most varieties respond well to trimming (or "pinching"), which encourages fuller growth. Check plant tags for mature size and sun tolerance, as some varieties become quite large. Often available in multi-packs.

✓ Container Friendly

✓ Landscape Friendly

✓ Beginner Approved



PLECTRANTHUS/SWEDISH IVY

A vigorous trailing plant for containers, hanging baskets, and ground cover plantings. Tolerates a wide range of conditions and often performs well even in lower light than indicated on the tag. Excellent for filling space quickly.



WAX BEGONIA

A dependable, low-maintenance flowering plant that thrives in containers and landscape beds. Often requires less water than many annuals once established. Check tags for mature size and sun tolerance. Fallen flowers can be messy..



CREEPING JENNY/LYSIMACHIA

An easy trailing plant that adds bright color and texture to containers, hanging baskets, and landscape plantings. Also works as a low-growing ground cover. Can spread aggressively in some areas and may escape containers if planted nearby.



MECARDONIA

A tough, continuously blooming plant covered in cheerful yellow flowers. Excellent in containers, hanging baskets, and as a ground cover. Drought tolerant once established and looks good with very little maintenance.



APTENIA/TRAILING MEZOO/LIVINGSTONE DAISY

A low-maintenance succulent-type plant with fleshy leaves and small red flowers. Handles drought well and tolerates a wide range of light conditions. Excellent for containers, hanging baskets, and hot locations.



SEDUM (REFLEXUM)

A brightly colored succulent that thrives on neglect. Ideal for containers, rock gardens, and landscape plantings. Prefers full sun but tolerates some shade. Grows like a carpet and can overpower smaller plants in tight containers.

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CANNA

A bold tropical plant that delivers dramatic foliage and vibrant flowers. Performs best in landscape beds and extra large containers. Requires little maintenance but demands regular watering, feeding, and occasional deadheading. Not suitable for hanging baskets and may eventually outgrow smaller containers.



EUPHORBIA

Produces clouds of delicate white flowers from spring until frost. Looks similar to baby's breath and blends beautifully with almost any plant combination. Thrives in containers, hanging baskets, and landscape beds. Performs well in part shade despite often being marketed as a full-sun plant.



ORNAMENTAL GRASS

Among the easiest plants to grow. Add height, texture, and movement to containers and landscape beds. Different varieties offer unique foliage colors and plume shapes. Check mature size before planting, as some varieties become quite large.



GERANIUMS

A classic favorite that handles wind, heat, and occasional dry conditions with ease. Benefits from removing spent flowers and leaves, but many gardeners enjoy excellent results with minimal maintenance. Larger varieties often provide the best performance.



REX BEGONIA (Gryphon and Pegasus)

Grown primarily for their dramatic leaves over flowers in full and part shade. Choose plants with healthy new growth and avoid consistently soggy soil. This one could potentially be more challenging than others on this list.



CUPHEA

One of the best plants for attracting hummingbirds. Varieties with tubular or cigar-shaped flowers are especially easy to grow. Tolerates heat, wind, and occasional drought once established. Rarely needs deadheading and keeps blooming through heat and drought.



STARTING FROM SEED... ZINNIA & MARIGOLDS

Among the easiest flowers to grow from seed. Sow directly in the garden after your last frost date or start indoors earlier for earlier blooms. Pinching (trimming) young plants just above the second set of true leaves encourages branching, resulting in fuller plants and more flowers.