

# Bright Shade



Have you got a dull, dusty looking corner in your garden that you'd like to freshen up?

This planting is for **Partially Shaded** – the plants can see the sky if they look up but get no direct sunshine.

We all have bits of our garden like this, if the ground is damp it's easy to establish lovely plants, if its dry life is much harder for us and the plants!

**Choosing the best plants** – see the list overleaf as well as our two Designer Collections lists of plants for **Shady & Damp** and **Shady & Dry** conditions. Most of the plants on the lists will cope with shade and damp top average moisture conditions. If your shady corner is dry, for instance because of greedy tree roots, you should only choose plants from the **Shady & Dry** leaflet.

## Shopping List -

- A selection of **plants** chosen for their tolerance of the conditions and the way they can freshen up your dull corner
- **Fish Blood & Bone** general fertiliser to work into the soil
- **Mulch & Mix** to improve the doil and give a 2" layer of mulch on the surface
- An easy way to water the plants to wean them onto your conditions – eg., **Watering Can, Hose or Oscillating sprayer** if you have a large area to cover

A few rules to help you achieve a lush bright look for an existing dull, dusty and drab corner:

- **Choose golden leaved deciduous plants to brighten up the corner:** –  
Golden Marjoram (18"x16") Height x spread  
Golden Philadelphus (48"x48")  
Golden Japanese Maple (slowly – 6ftx4ft)  
Golden Spiraea (3ftx2ft)
- **Choose leaves with white and green variegation to add some sparkle** – Euonymus Emerald Gaiety, (24"x24")  
Brunnera Jack Frost (12"x18")  
Cotoneaster horizontalis variegata (1/4 standard 3ftx2ft)
- **Choose plants with white flowers to add a freshness and life to your planting scheme:**  
Vinca minor Gertrude Jeykll (9"x18")  
Pusatilla alba (6"x8")  
Digitalis alba (4ftx18")  
Viburnum tinus (5ftx4ft)  
Pachysandra terminalis alba (12"x18")
- **Choose half your plants to be evergreen to give you some lushness even in winter** –  
Epimedium (12"x18")  
Pieris (4ftx4ft)  
Luzula grass (15"x18")  
Bergenia 15"x18")
- **Cultivate soil well to help your new babies compete with tree roots:**  
If your soil is very heavy or very light you should work in a spadeful of **Mulch & Mix** into the soil at the bottom of the hole and the soil you are going to pop back into the hole.  
Dig a hole twice as wide as the pot, break up the bottom of the hole a further 6" (150mm) to remove competing roots. Add a small handful of **Fish Blood & Bone** balanced fertiliser for each plant- half in the hole and the other half over the soil you are going to return to the hole
- Wean your plants onto their new conditions – regular **watering** is essential in dry conditions
- A selfcontained **water feature** will add lushness and if it includes running water it makes the corner come alive!



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