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On our radar

**The botanical Lady Gaga**

**Fit for Marie Antoinette**
Frilly, floaty, fanciful, and feminine. A total embrace of the soft side.

**Bring on the Bollywood**
Spicy, jewel-toned, gilded, and otherwise adorned. Jai Ho!

**Black Swan, baby**
Gothic, brooding, mysterious, and definitely dark. Maybe even dangerous.

**Fresh off last week’s Glee**
Exuberant exhibitionism paired with wholesome innocence—just like our favorite show.

**FLOWERS**

- **‘Incrediball’ hydrangea**
  White flower clusters so enormous (a foot wide!), they’re almost comical. And like Gaga, held up by very sturdy stems. Sunset climate zones A3; 1–21.

- **‘Gum Drop’ Echinacea**
  Nothing modest about this cone-flowers. Except for a miniskirt of tiny pink petals, it’s all look-at-me core. Zones A3, A4; 1–24.

- **Sun Spun Yellow petunia**
  Shaped like a twirly skirt in the sunny color of optimism. Innocent and idealistic. All zones as an annual.

- **‘Wendy’s Wish’ Salvia**
  Jewel-like buds, seemingly always in bloom, with petals like pink petticoats and dainty stems. Zones 14–24.

- **Million Bells Cherry Pink Calibrachoa**
  The saturation level in these petals rivals that of the best saris. A color you’d like draped around you. Zones 8, 9, 14–24. As an annual: zones 2–3, 10–13.

- **‘Flame Thrower’ Echinacea**
  A coneflower that looks like it swirled its way out of a train-station dance number. The red centers resemble bindi beauty marks. Zones A2, A3; 1–24.

- **‘Pinstripe’ petunia**
  White streaks dissolving into velvety black petals like shooting stars disappearing in dark skies. All zones as an annual.

- **Tropicanna Black canna**
  This exotic canna has leaves so dark, you’ll wonder how it photosynthesizes. Sinister, to say the least. Zones 6–9, 12–24; H1, H2; or dig and store.

- **‘Hot Lava’ Echinacea**
  Knockout color, simple bold shape, and stems as strong as a cheerleader’s legs. Center stage only, please. Zones A2, A3; 1–24.

- **Big Bang ‘Redshift’ Coreopsis**
  More modest than some of its fellow cast members, but showy in its own quiet way. A sweet little explosion of color. Zones 1–24.
**PART SHADE**

**Gator aloe**
An unusually bold pattern for such a small plant. Like the pint-size diva herself, it’s proof that drama doesn’t depend on size.
Zones 8, 9, 12–24.

**Techno Blue lobelia**
A blue so intense, it feels hot rather than cool. A prolific bloomer and a real show-off. All zones.

**Foliage**

**Little Shark agave**
Perfect symmetry and high drama with black-outlined leaves. And check out those spines.
Zones 4–24.

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**TIGHT SPACE**

**Fireworks’ fountain grass**
The girliest of grasses: Predominantly pink, billowy, and, in summer, it dresses up with tassels.
Zones 8–24; H1, H2.

**Superbells Blackberry Punch Calibrachoa**
A flower with the flared shape and rich colors of the finest haute couture gown.
Zones 8, 9, 14–24.
As an annual: Zones 2–7, 10–13.

**‘Dark Towers’ Penstemon**
Blackish red foliage topped with baby pink flowers—a romantic pairing of radical and sweet.
Zones 6–9, 14–24.
As an annual: all zones.

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**FOLIAGE**

**Lemon Fizz’ santolina**
A sizzling chartreuse that we’d love to see in a bolt of silk. The every-which-way foliage is fun too.
Zones 2–24; H1, H2.

**Lunacy Orange marigold**
As intricate as a henna tattoo. The searing orange color and strong aromatic scent make it especially exotic. All zones as an annual.

**‘Belinda’s Find’ red hook sedge**
Red sedge is already extravagant. But add some twists and turns and you’ve got a real melodrama.
Zones 4–6, 15–17.

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**PART SHADE**

**Fire and Ice Echeveria**
Pale, pale foliage that looks even more so thanks to its blood-red edges. Ethereal or ominous, you decide. Otherworldly either way. Zones 8, 9, 12–24.

**‘Burgundy Ice’ Duscia**
Dark red blades and sharp white teeth—just the right amount of menace.
Zones 4–24.

**Mojito’ elephant’s ear**
A heart-of-darkness tropical plant. Inky splodges across its mammoth leaves give this new elephant’s ear a gothic sort of glamour. Zones 12, 16–24; H1, H2.

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**FOLIAGE**

**‘Ascot Rainbow’ Euphorbia**
Looks as if it might burst into song. And when it blooms, you’ll swear it has—the flower shares the same three colors of the leaves.
Zones 3–24.

**Campfire’ Crassula**
Full of juice and raring to go. That’s the impression these propeller-shaped leaves create—especially in sizzling red and lime.
Zones 8, 9, 12–24.

**‘Electra’ coral bells**
Cayenne red veins streaking across saffron yellow leaves. Imagine this spicing up a bland patch of shade. Zones 1–9, 14–24.