



## CREATE A SHADY HAVEN

Who says you can't have colorful flowers in the shade? It's just a question of choosing the right plants! Here, a just-right combination of shrubs, ground covers and shade-loving perennials makes the most of this shady back yard. Something blooms from spring until fall, and foliage color and texture add even more pizzazz. A tear-drop-shaped patio lets you sit outside and enjoy the summer breezes, without having to fight to grow grass under shade trees. Taller shrubs around the perimeter add a bit of privacy. And one last thing that makes this woodland garden easy to care for: Most of the plants in this garden don't taste good to deer, so you won't have to worry about going out in the garden and finding chewed-up plants! □

### A SHOWY SHADE PALETTE

Code	Plant Name	No. to Plant	Type	Blooms	Height/Width	Cold/Heat Zones	Comments
A	Virginia sweetspire <i>Itea virginica</i> 'Henry's Garnet'	16	Shrub	White; late spring	3-5 ft./ 3-5 ft.	5-9/9-1	Fragrant, drooping white flowers; fall foliage can be brilliant red, especially in full sun
B	Bugbane <i>Actaea simplex</i> 'Black Negligee'	20	Perennial	White; late summer to fall	4-5 ft./ 2-3 ft.	4-8/8-1	Fragrant white flowers sometimes tinged with pink; lacy dark-bronze foliage; prefers consistently moist soil
C	Pachysandra <i>Pachysandra terminalis</i>	50	Ground cover	White; spring	6-12 in./ 12-18 in.	5-9/9-1	Tiny flowers not showy; glossy foliage is evergreen to semi-evergreen; prefers consistently moist soil
D	Astilbe <i>Astilbe</i> 'Ostrich Plume' ('Straussenfeder')	6	Perennial	Pink; early to midsummer	2-3 ft./ 1-2 ft.	4-8/8-1	Lacy, drooping pink plumes; cut back spent flower heads for tidier look
E	Monkshood <i>Aconitum carmichaelii</i> 'Arendsii'	16	Perennial	Blue; late summer to fall	36-48 in./ 12-18 in.	3-8/8-1	An unusual color in late summer gardens; leathery, shiny leaves; all parts of the plant are poisonous
F	Spiderwort <i>Tradescantia</i> 'Concord Grape'	23	Perennial	Purple; spring through summer	9-12 in./ 12-18 in.	4-9/9-1	Grasslike foliage; cut back to ground after first flush of flowers to promote fresh new growth and small rebloom
G	Astilbe <i>Astilbe</i> 'Country and Western'	19	Perennial	Pink; early summer	12-18 in./ 12-18 in.	4-8/8-1	Shiny dark-green foliage; cut back spent flower heads or leave them for late-season interest
H	Northern bayberry <i>Myrica pennsylvanica</i>	5	Shrub	White; spring	5-10 ft./ 5-10 ft.	3-7/7-1	Irregular, spreading shape; glossy green foliage is semi-evergreen; female plants produce waxy, gray-green berries
I	Lady's mantle <i>Alchemilla mollis</i>	12	Perennial	Chartreuse; late spring	10-18 in./ 18-30 in.	4-8/8-1	Velvety gray-green leaves; cut flowers back after blooming to tidy plant and prevent reseeding

