

# Hosta

Hostas are the perfect shade perennials. Most require shade, but a few will tolerate some sun. They are easy to grow and will thrive even among tree roots.

**Selecting your Hosta:** There are many varieties of Hosta, and you should consider many factors before choosing your plants. On the reverse side of this page is a list showing: color of foliage and blooms, height and width of mature plants, bloom height, special features such as fragrance, percentage of shade needed

**Preparation and Planting:** All Stauffers hostas are sold as potted plants and can be planted any time, even in late November. Turn over soil using a spade, shovel or rototiller; add humus, compost or Canadian sphagnum peat moss and mix thoroughly. Dig the planting hole at least 15 inches across, or approximately 3 times the width of the container or the clump. Place the plant in the hole with the top of the soil or crown at 1½ inches above the soil level. This is done to allow for addition of 1½ inches of Stauffers premium all bark mulch.

**Feeding and Watering:** During the first growing season, feed all hostas with a well balanced liquid plant food. Established plants should be fed in early April using Stauffers bulb and perennial food at ¼ pound per clump, or 1/3 pound for very large clumps. Spread evenly at 12 inches from center of clump. Established hostas will require very little water, except for extremely dry periods when you will need to water every 7 to 10 days to obtain the best foliage and increase in clump size.

**Insects and Weeds:** Snails and slugs are often found in Hosta beds, and eaten foliage or holes in the foliage is a sure sign these insects exist. These critters are easy to control by using 'Ortha Slug-getta' pellets; apply according to the label. For weeds, use a preventive control such as 'Preen'.

**Dividing Clumps and Cutting Back:** Established clumps 4 or 5 years old may be divided by lifting the clump, cutting it into 3 or 4 pieces, and replanting as described above. Dividing is most successful in the spring when the crowns are ½ to 1 inch above the soil line, before the weather is too hot. In late fall, when heavy frost or freeze turns the foliage brown, you may cut foliage to 3" above ground level, or leave the foliage on all winter and remove it in spring, if you prefer.

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Hosta Variety	Foliage Color	Leaf Size	Clump Height	Clump Width	Bloom Height	Bloom Color	Percent Shade Req.	Other Features	Bloom Season
Albo Marginata	Green w/ White Edges	4x8	12"	30"	24"	Lavender	75%	Good for Edging	Early Summer
Antioch	Lt. Green w/White Edges	5x9	18"	24"	24"	Lavender	No	Heat Tolerant	Late Summer
August Moon	Yellow	6x7	20"	20"	24"	White	25%	Crinkled Leaves	Late Summer
Aurea Marginata	Dk. Green w/ Yellow Edges	3x6	24"	30"	34"	Lavender	25%	Tough	Early
Aureo Maculatal	Lt. Green w/ Dk Green Edges	3x6	24"	30"	30"	Lavender	25%		Spring
Big Daddy	Blue	7x9	30"	48"		White	75%		Early Summer
Blue Cadet	Blue/Green, Heart Shaped	3x5	16"	28"	20"	Lavender	50%	Dense Mound	Mid Summer
Blue Umbrella	Blue/Green, Textured	3x8	24"	48"	36"	Lavender	No	Fast Growth	Mid Summer
Bressingham Blue	Blue, Cupped	6x7	30"	42"	20"	White	50%		Late Spring
Ellerbroek	Green w/ Yellow Edges	5x8	24"	30"	32"	Lavender	25%	Compact	Late Summer
Francee	Green w/White Edges	4x8	24"	30"	28"	Lavender	50%	Mound	Late Summer
Francis Williams	Blue w/ Gold Edges	5x6	30"	42"	36"	White	50%	Slow Growing	Spring
Ginko Craig	Green w/White Edges	2x7	10"	15"	12"	Orchid	25%	Fast Growth	Mid Summer
Gold Standard	Lt/ Gold w/Green Edges	3x5	24"	30"	20"	Pale Lavender	25%	Fast Growth	Mid Summer
Golden Tiara	Green w/ Yellow Edges	4x5	12"	16"	24"	Purple	25%	Compact	Early Spring
Halcyon	Gray Blue	4x5	12"	24"	15"	Violet	50%	Ribbed Leaves	Mid Summer
Kabitan	Yellow w/ Green Edges	1x6	6"	10"		Violet	50%	Wavy Leaves	Late Summer
Krossa Regal	Blue/Gray	5x10	30"	30"	72"	Lavender	50%	Vase Shaped	Mid Summer
Minuteman	Green w/ Wide white Edges	4x6	12"	24"	16"	Lavender	50%	Heat Tolerant	Late Summer
Nutty Husband	Blue w/ White Edges	4x6	18"	30"	20"	White		Low Growing	Early Summer
Patriot	Green w/ White Borders	5x6	30"	42"	30"	Lavender	50%		Late Summer
Plantaginea	Pale Green	7x9	24"	30"	32"	White Frag.	No		Late Summer
Royal Standard	Green	5x8	24"	24"	36"	White Frag.	No	Very Hardy	Late Summer
Shade Fanfare	Gold w/Broad Cream Edges	5x7	6"	36"	24"	Lavender	25%	Fast Growth	Mid Summer
Siebold Elegans	Blue	5x7	30"	42"	42"	Near White	50%	Textured	Early
Sum & Substance	Chartreuse	4x8	30"	48"	38"	Lavender	50%	Upright	Late Summer
Wide Brim	Blue/Green w/ Irregular White Edges	5x6	22"	42"	30"	White	50%	Rapid Grower	Mid Summer