



Elevate Outdoor Entertaining with Petunias and Pansies

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Since the debut of [Wave® Purple Classic](#) in 1995, Wave® Petunias have stood out for their dramatic spread, exceptionally long bloom time and superior weather resistance. Today, they continue to be a go-to choice for gardeners who want reliable, impactful color. To celebrate Wave's 30th anniversary and [National Wave Day on May 3](#), here are a few creative ways to level up your outdoor entertaining with Wave® Petunias and Pansies.

Set the stage for daytime entertaining

Planning an outdoor brunch or afternoon tea party? Add soft, elegant color and lasting ambiance to your garden with [E3 Easy Wave® Rose Morn](#) — a beautiful new addition to the Wave® collection. This standout color features rosepink petals, a crisp white center, and a cheerful touch of yellow, bringing a fresh and inviting look to spring and summer celebrations. As part of the earlyflowering E3 Easy Wave® series, it delivers easy, spreading color that shows up fast, especially in warmer climates where planting can begin right after the frost-free date. Mix it with other Wave® varieties for playful pops of color, striking contrasts, or a custom palette that fits your party's vibe.

Add elegance to moonlit soirees

An evening meal under the stars calls for a setting that feels both relaxed and refined. New this year, [Easy Wave® Rose](#) adds a romantic touch to gardens with its soft, iridescent glow — it's a color that's both modern and timeless. For other ideal colors perfect for catching the moonlight, look for E3 Easy Wave® White or Easy Wave® Silver petunias.

Whether planted in-ground or arranged in baskets and containers, Wave® Petunias are a versatile choice for styling patios, decks, or outdoor dining spaces. They hold up beautifully in the warmth of the day and the cool of the evening, making them a reliable option for entertaining at any hour. With a wide range of colors, it's easy to craft a look that complements your nighttime gatherings in effortless style.

Get creative with a potting party

Turn your next gathering into a hands-on experience by hosting a potting party. Invite guests to design their own unique planters using a mix of Wave® Petunias, Pansies and accent plants. All you need are containers with drainage holes, potting soil and a colorful assortment of plants — then let the creativity flow.

When it comes to choosing plant combinations, playing with contrast creates a striking and dynamic effect. Pair bold opposites like red and blue, green and orange, or yellow and violet for eye-catching containers. A new favorite for dramatic contrast is [Easy Wave® Navy Velour](#) — a deep blue-purple variety that adds richness and depth, like your favorite dark blazer or moody sweater. For a well-balanced container, use the classic "thriller, filler, spiller" method: include one tall, attention-grabbing plant, a mid-sized filler to add fullness, and a trailing variety that cascades over the edge for a lush, finished look.

Decorating and dining with pansies

When it comes to hosting a garden party, Wave® Pansies can truly do it all — adding color and charm to both your décor and your menu. For a relaxed yet festive tablescape, place a few pansy stems in small colored-glass bottles at each place setting, or gather them in a larger vase at the center of the table. Choose complementary shades for a cohesive look, or mix bold colors for a more playful effect. Low-profile arrangements, such as small potted pansies surrounded by candles, create a warm, intimate atmosphere while allowing for easy conversation across the table.

[Cool Wave® Pansies](#) are not only beautiful but also edible, offering a delicate, floral sweetness that makes them perfect for garnishing. Use them to enhance salads, decorate desserts, or top cocktails with a single bloom for an elegant touch. To add a playful twist, freeze pansy petals in ice cubes to elevate any refreshing beverage.

With a few thoughtful details, Wave® Pansies and Wave® Petunias can bring color, creativity, and charm to every aspect of your outdoor celebration. For more gardening tips, creative ideas, and inspiration to elevate your space, visit [WaveGardening.com](#).