The present invention relates to a new and distinctive cultivar of Impatiens plant, botanically known as Impatiens, and referred to be the cultivar name Melanie. The new cultivar was developed by me through controlled breeding by crossing seed or female parent identified as Seeding No. 9 with male or pollen parent identified as Seeding No. 3. Both parents are unreleased and proprietary lines.

Asexual reproduction of the new cultivar by the inventor by terminal or stem cuttings taken at Gönnebek, Federal Republic of Germany has shown that the unique features of this new Impatiens are stabilized and are reproduced true to type in successive propagations.

The following characteristics distinguish the new Impatiens from both its parent varieties and other cultivated Impatiens of this type known and used in the floriculture industry:

1. Pale bluish pink flower color, with red-purple center eye.
2. Compact growth habit.
3. Very early flowering.
4. Very floriferous habit.
5. Suitable for pot plant, patio, bedding plant, and hanging basket culture.

Melanie has a flower color somewhat similar to the flower color of the cultivar Equinox, disclosed in U.S. Plant Pat. No. 6,297. However, Melanie is more compact, has a different foliage shape, and the underside of its foliage is green rather than red as in Equinox.

The accompanying colored photographs illustrate the overall appearance of this cultivar, showing the colors as true as it is reasonably possible to obtain in a colored reproduction of this type.

The photo at the top of sheet 1 comprises a top perspective view of a potted plant of Melanie.

The bottom photo on sheet 1 shows a single flower (top side), and top and bottom views of a typical leaf. The photograph on sheet 2 shows the upper side and under side of typical flowers, a bud with attached spur, and the upper side and bottom side of a typical leaves. Scales in centimeters are included to show the size of these parts.

The following is a detailed description of my new Impatiens cultivar based on plants produced under normal commercial practice at Gönnebek, Federal Republic of Germany.
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3 Petals.—Number of petals: Five (5). Shape: Generally heart-shaped (see photo). Color: Upper surface: 56A with 61C center eye, and 61C tingeing primarily along midvein; color very uniform. Under surface: Same as for top side, only slightly lighter. Size of flower: Medium, approximately 5.5 to 6 cm. in diameter.


4 Stigma: Five in number, white in color. Styles: White in color. Ovary: 5 in number, size 3-5 mm., green in color.

Disease resistance: No disease problems noted to date.

I claim:

1. A new and distinct Impatiens plant named Melanie, as illustrated and described.

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