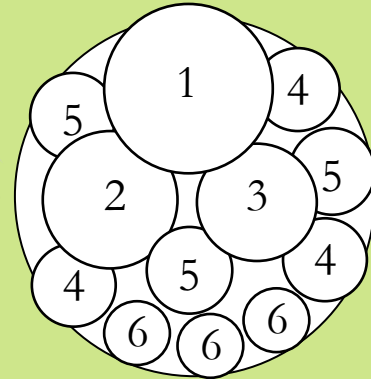


Recipe Card for the Container Design of the Month

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Design of the Month



Noel

1. *Abies nordmanniana*
2. *Ophiopogon nigrescens*
3. *Osmanthus* het. 'Goshiki'
4. *Gaultheria procumbens*
5. *Viola*
6. *Vinca minor* 'Illumination'

Steps:

1. Fill your container 2/3 of the way with all-purpose Potting Soil such as E.B. Stone Edna's Best.
2. Mix some fertilizer into the soil in the container. We have always had exceptional results with *E.B. Stone Sure Start*.
3. Moistening the soil so it is damp is an important step if your potting soil is old or on the dry side. Most fresh bags of soil should take up water evenly when you water the plants.
4. Plant your container. It helps to gently loosen the roots of each plant to enhance root development.
5. Fill the nooks and crannies with moist potting soil.
6. Water your newly planted container thoroughly and enjoy!

Substitutions:

Sometimes you cannot find the exact cultivated variety we have listed above. Luckily there are substitutions that will offer a similar or even preferred look.

Care and Maintenance:

The plants in this container will thrive in part sun (at least 4 hours a day is best). This combination will give color and textural interest all season long. Water thoroughly when the top two inches of soil are dry. The perennials will get overcrowded in about a year. At this point separate the plants and plant in the garden or larger containers.

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