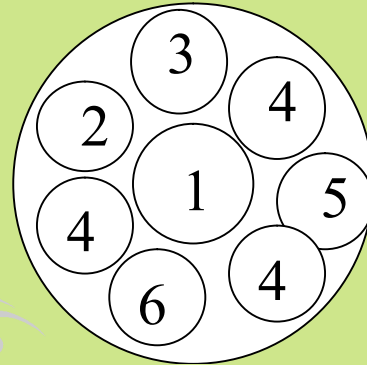


Recipe Card for the
Container Design of the Month
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April

Design of the Month



Spring Symphony

1. *Helleborus* "Picotee Pink"
2. *Acorus* g. 'Ogon'
3. *Heuchera* 'Color Dream'
4. Red Pansy
5. Tassel Fern (*Polystichium polyblepharum*)
6. *Heuchera* 'Royal Velvet'

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Steps:

1. Fill your container 2/3 of the way with all-purpose Potting Soil.
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 that 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 in.
4. Plant your container.
It helps to gently loosen the root 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. There are many types of Hellebores, Heuchera and Ferns available. *Millium effusum* 'Aurea' or *Tradescantia* 'Sweet Kate' would work in place of the golden Acorus. You can also add some Golden Creeping Jenny for more brightness and a trailing effect.

Care and Maintenance:

The plants in this container will thrive with up to 4 hours of morning to mid-day sun. Water when slightly dry, being careful not to over water. Top dress and gently scratch into the surface some granular all-purpose fertilizer 3 months after planting. The pansies can be replaced in early summer with fresh shade loving annuals.