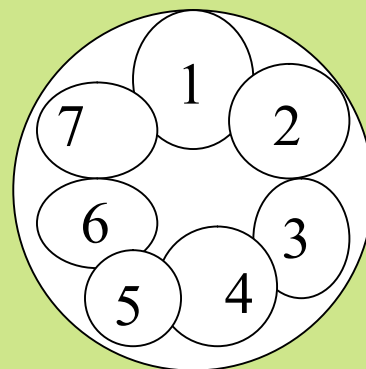


Recipe Card for the
Container Design of the Month
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April

Design of the Month



Spring Sunshine

1. *Dracena* 'Red Star'
2. *Ranunculus* -Orange
3. *Fuchsia* 'Autumnale'
4. *Thymus* 'Silver Posie'
5. *Narcissus* 'Tête-à-tête'
6. *Geranium* 'Mrs. Pollock'
7. *Primula malacoides*

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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* and *Osmocote*.

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 a variety of early spring annuals that could be used to create a different color scheme.

Care and Maintenance:

The plants in this container will thrive with part to full sun and will bloom for months in spring and some into summer. Water when slightly dry, being careful not to over water. Gently scratch in granular all-purpose fertilizer into the soil surface in late spring. For continuing color replace the Saxifrage and *Ranunculus* with summer bloomers to continue this great look for the new season.