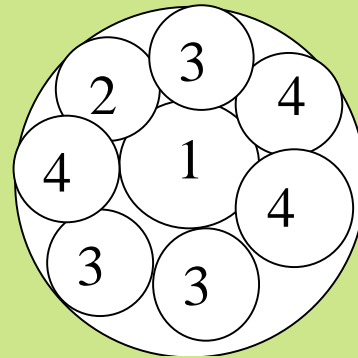


Recipe Card for the  
Container Design of the Month  
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April

Design of the Month



Spring Splendor

1. *Aquilegia 'Leprechaun Gold'*
2. *Dracaena indivisa*
3. *Nemesia 'Opal Innocence'*
4. *Sedum 'Coral Reef'*

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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* 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.
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.

Care and Maintenance:

The plants in this container will thrive in full sun and bloom through April (the Columbine) and through the summer (the Nemesia). Even after the Columbine goes dormant in summer, the Nemesia and Dracaena will still make a striking, fragrant combination. Water thoroughly when the top inch of soil is dry. Top dress and gently scratch into the surface some granular all-purpose fertilizer 3 months after planting.