

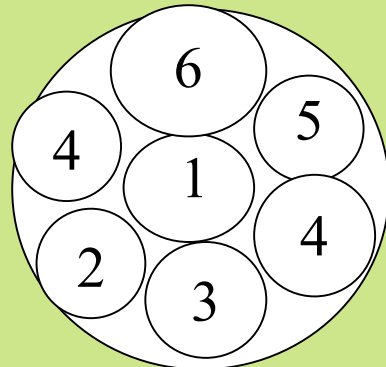
Recipe Card for the

Container Design of the Month

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April

Design of the Month



Just Like Honey

1. *Erysimum* 'Honeyberry'
2. Fuchsia 'Autumnale'
3. *Lysmachia num.* 'Aurea'
4. Pansy 'Angel Amber Kiss'
5. *Perlargonium* 'Crystal Palace Gem'
6. *Oxalis vulcanicola* 'Molten Lava'

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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 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. There are other variegated *Erysimum*, or Lavender, and many fancy leaf *Perlargonium* and Pansies. Orange or pink *Heuchera* could sub for the *Oxalis* and Fuchsia.

Care and Maintenance:

The plants in this container will thrive in full to part sun and bloom all summer and into fall. The pansies can be removed in July when they stop blooming. The *Erysimum* is evergreen and will provide a lovely center piece for a new winter arrangement. 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. This should last your plants until fall.