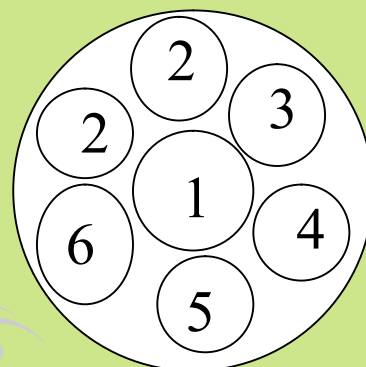


Recipe Card for the  
Container Design of the Month  
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Design of the Month



### Shady Summer Sweetie

1. *Caladium*
2. *Coleus* "Kingswood Torch"
3. *Fuchsia* "Gartenmeister"
4. *Oplismenus hirtellus* "Variegata"
5. Bromeliad
6. *Begonia* "Doublet red"

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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 Begonia, Fuchsia, and Coleus to choose from. The Caladium centerpiece could be swapped for Colocasia.

### 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. These plants will benefit from an all purpose liquid fertilizer once every 4 weeks.