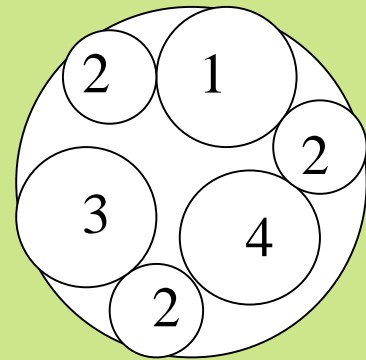


Recipe Card for the  
Container Design of the Month  
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August

Design of the Month



**A Black Tie Affair**

1. *Dahlia 'Mystic Wonder'*
2. *Arabis 'Old Gold'*
3. *Heuchera 'Plum Pudding'*
4. *Centaurea gymnocarpa*

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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.

**Care and Maintenance:**

The plants in this container will thrive with half day to full sun and will bloom from May to frost (October or November) with regular fertilizing every 2-3 weeks. Water when slightly dry, being careful not to over water.