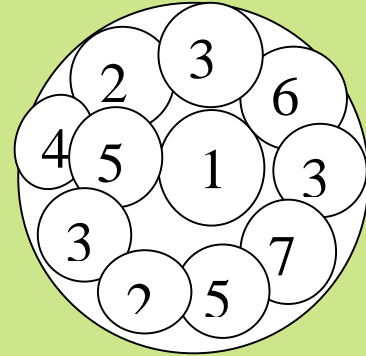


Recipe Card for the
Container Design of the Month
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August



Feast for the Senses

1. *Salvia guaranitica* 'Black & Blue'
2. *Cotula hispida*
3. Yerba Buena, *Satureja douglasii*
4. *Santolina virens* 'Lemon Fizz'
5. 'Bulls Blood' Beet
6. Fennel 'Perfection' (bulbing)
7. *Berlandiera lyrata* (Chocolate flower)

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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 be at its best all through summer and fall, with some winter interest too. Harvest Fennel and beets in late fall or early winter and replace with a winter bloomer. The rest of the plants are perennial in Zone 8 and will return for more beauty next year. Don't forget to smell the *Berlandiera* regularly, pet the *Cotula* and nibble on the Yerba Buena. 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.