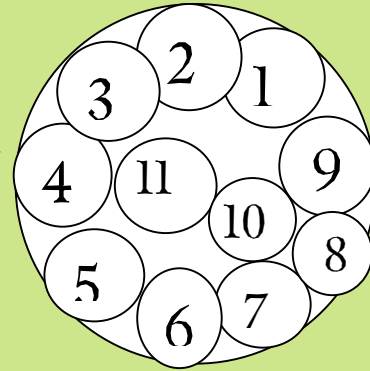


Recipe Card for the
Container Design of the Month
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August

Design of the Month



Some Like it Hot

1. *Caryopteris* 'Dark Knight'
2. *Ceanothus* 'Tuxedo'
3. *Stipa tenuissima*
4. *Senecio greyi*
5. *Muehlenbecki axillaris*
6. *Hebe* 'Tricolor'
7. *Sempervivum* 'Red Rubin'
8. *Salvia micro.* 'Heatwave Glimmer'
9. *Sedum u.* 'Turkish Delight'
10. *Sedum s.* 'Autumn Fire'
11. *Acanthus sennii*

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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. There is a huge array of sun loving grasses, hardy or tender succulents and attractive evergreen shrubs that can be used for hot and dry arrangements.

Care and Maintenance:

The plants in this container will thrive in full, all day sun, and bloom into fall. Water when the top two inches of soil is dry. Top dress and gently scratch into the surface some granular all-purpose fertilizer in the following spring. Replace sedums with winter interest plants in November/ December if desired.