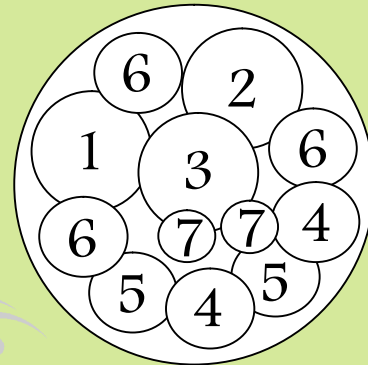


Recipe Card for the
Container Design of the Month
Designed by the Staff at Portland Nursery

February

Design of the Month



Subtle Signs of Spring

1. *Euphorbia* 'Tasmanian Tiger'
2. *Rhododendron* 'PJM Elite'
3. *Helleborus* 'Winter Queen Strain'
4. *Vinca minor* 'Variegatus'
5. *Primula* 'Rosie Yellow'
6. Pansies in Coppertone Shades
7. *Iris reticulata* 'J.S. Dyt'

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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. Alternatives include: *Euphorbia* 'Glacier Blue', any other dwarf evergreen Rododendron, *Helleborus hybridus* of your choice, and any Vinca or Ivy for trailing scents.

Care and Maintenance:

The plants in this container will thrive in sun but will do best protected from the hot afternoon heat. Water when slightly dry, being careful not to over water. Top dress and gently scratch into the surface some granular all-purpose fertilizer 3 months after planting. Replace the pansies and Primroses when they get leggy or weak in late spring with summer annuals such as *Nemesia* or *Lobelia*. Enjoy!