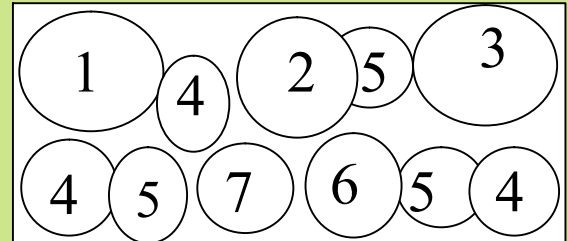


Recipe Card for the
Container Design of the Month
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February

Design of the Month



Midwinter Potager

1. *Lavendula s. 'Red Star'*
2. *Kale 'Red Bore'*
3. *Salvia officinalis 'Purpurea'*
4. *Dianthus 'Velvet on Pink'*
5. *Viola 'Yellow Jump up'*
6. *Thymus v. 'Lemon Variegated'*
7. *Triple Curled Parsley*

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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 Lavender, edible kale, sage, thyme or any of your favorite winter hardy herb.

Care and Maintenance:

The plants in this container will thrive with 4 hours plus of mid-day to afternoon sun. 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. The pansies and kale can be replaced with summer herbs or edible flowers such as basil or marigolds. After a year the perennial herbs will need to be planted in the ground or in their own pots.