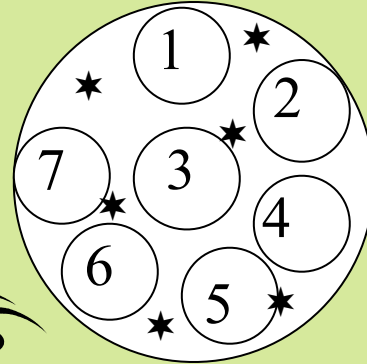


# Recipe Card for the Container Design of the Month

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Design of the Month



### A New Beginning

1. *Santolinia* 'Lemon Fizz'
2. *Comprosmia*, Mirror Plant
3. *Cornus alba* 'Elegantissima'
4. *Carex bunnea* 'Green Variegata'
5. *Helleborus liv.* 'Pink Marble'
6. *Asplendum ebenoides*, Dragon Tail fern
7. *Gaultheria procumbens*, Wintergreen
8. Pansy (★)

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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 dry. 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 dogwood and hellebore available, just be sure to choose one that grows small enough to live in your container. Pansies come in a huge assortment of colors and here in the Portland area will live through winter and bloom their little hearts out during spring (with deadheading).

#### Care and Maintenance:

The plants in this container will thrive with up to 3-6 hours of sun, avoiding the afternoon sun. Water when slightly dry, being careful not to over water. Fertilize twice a month with a liquid fertilizer such as a fish and kelp blend. Replace pansies with summer shade annuals in Mid-April for fresh summer color.