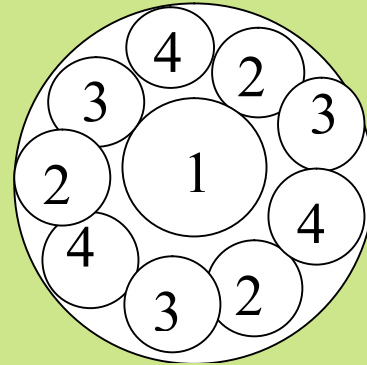


Recipe Card for the
Container Design of the Month
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January

Design of the Month



Winter Color

1. *Libertia* 'Goldfinger'
2. *Vinca major* 'Wojo's Gem'
3. *Cyclamen* 'Miracle Mix'
4. *Thymus x citriodorus*, Lemon Thyme

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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* 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 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. *Cordylines* or *Phormiums* can replace the *Libertia*, *Euonymus* 'Emerald and Gold' is also a bright spiller like the *Vinca*, *Pansies* or *Primroses* will have cheery flowers and *Callunas* or variegated sage can sub for the *Lemon Thyme*.

Care and Maintenance:

The plants in this container will thrive with full sun, and bloom into early spring. This design is best for a covered porch or other sheltered area since *Cyclamen* need protection from temperatures below 30°F. Water when slightly dry, being careful not to over water. Replace *Cyclamen* in the spring with an annual of your choice.