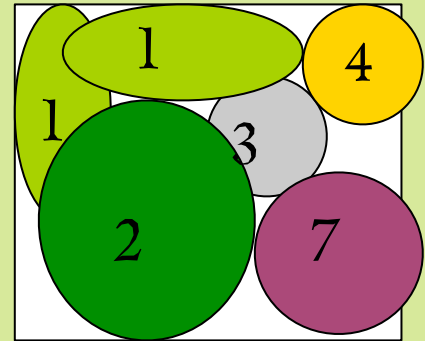


Recipe Card for the
Container Design of the Month
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Design of the Month



New Year

1. Mossy Twigs (cut from Doug Fir)
2. *Helleborus niger* 'Joseph Lempur'
3. Liriopis 'Silver Dragon'
4. Viola 'Penny Mickey'
5. *Heuchera* 'Dolce Black Currant'

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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 Hellebores, Heucheras, Violas, and cut floral accents that can be used.

Care and Maintenance:

The plants in this container will thrive with little direct sun to full morning sun, afternoon shade is best. 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 mossy twigs and the viola can be replaced with summer annuals in late spring. After a year the perennials would prefer more space to grow, either in a larger pot or in the ground.