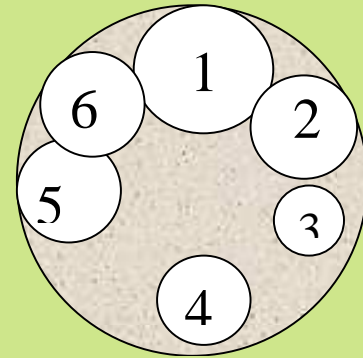


Recipe Card for the
Container Design of the Month
Designed at Portland Nursery

January

Design of the Month



Beach Get Away

1. *Fatsia japonica*
2. *Astelia nervosa* 'Westland'
3. *Sempervivum*
4. *Festuca galuca* 'Elijah Blue'
5. *Sedum* 'Angelina'
6. *Sedum oreganum*

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Steps:

1. Fill your container 2/3 of the way with all-purpose Potting Soil such as E.B. Stone Edna's Best.
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.
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. Cover the exposed soil with sand. Add seashells, umbrellas and other adornments as desired.
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.

Care and Maintenance:

If you can't get away to a warm beach this time of year, why not make one you can have at home! The plants in this container will thrive in part sun ideally on a covered porch or protected area. It could grow indoors for the winter in a very bright window. Then put the container out in May. The umbrella is created out of our ornamental grasses we cut back, paddle wire left over from wreath making and some decorative twine. We brushed off our macramé skills to make a hammock.