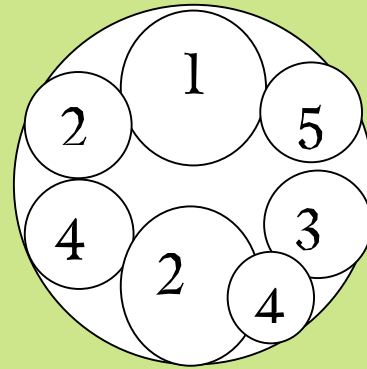


Recipe Card for the
Container Design of the Month
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January

Design of the Month



Champagne Sparkler

1. *Carex phyllocephala* 'Sparkler'
2. *Helleborus x ballardiae* 'Cinnamon Snow'
3. *Leucothoe* f. 'Rainbow'
4. *Sedum rupestre* 'Angelina'
5. Pansy 'Primrose'

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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.
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. Try *Ilex crenata* 'Maresii', *Osmanthus heterophyllus* 'Goshiki', *Helleborus* 'Monte Carlo', *Acorus* 'Ogon' or Primroses for a comparable color pallet.

Care and Maintenance:

The plants in this container will thrive in part shade and bloom through April (longer for the pansies). The lovely foliage contrast will grow and improve all season. Water thoroughly when the top inch of soil is dry. Top dress and gently scratch into the surface some granular all-purpose fertilizer 3 months after planting. All plants can