

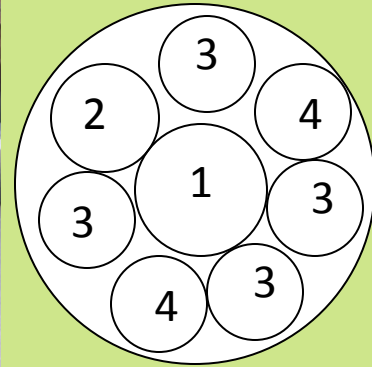
# Recipe Card for the Container Design of the Month

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## Design of the Month



# July



## Shady Place to Hide

1. Alocasia 'Regal Shields'
2. Dryopteris pseudo filix-mas
3. Lysimachia  
'Persian Chocolate'
4. Viola banksii
5. Teeny tiny gnome

### 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*.
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 roots 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.

### Care and Maintenance:

The plants in this container will thrive in part shade. This combination will give color and textural interest all summer long. The Alocasia is annual & can be replaced with another feature plant for the winter. Water thoroughly when the top inch of soil is dry. The perennials will get overcrowded in nine months to a year. At this point separate the plants and put in the garden or new containers.