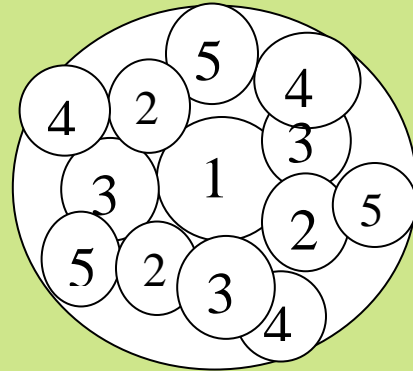


Recipe Card for the
Container Design of the Month
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June

Design of the Month



Blue Faires & Green
Elephants

1. *Colocasia 'Fontanesii'*
2. *Ipomea 'Sweet Caroline Betwitched'*
3. *Osteospermum 'Blue Eyed Beauty'*
4. *Scaevola 'Fairy Blue'*
5. *Calibrachoa 'Callie Deep Yellow'*

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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. Colorful Callas can make a bold center piece, Bacopa and Bidens bright colorful spillers and Marguerite daisies and Alternanthera fluffy fillers.

Care and Maintenance:

The plants in this container will thrive with a minimum of 6 hours of sun, and bloom through October. Water when the top two inches of soil are dry. Top dress and gently scratch into the surface some granular all-purpose fertilizer 3 months after planting. Replace with winter interest plants in September or October.