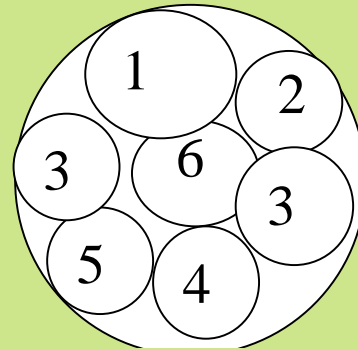


Recipe Card for the
Container Design of the Month
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March

Design of the Month



Pretty in Pink

1. *Hellebore 'Merlin'*
2. Anemone 'Mona Lisa Orchid'
3. Ranunculus 'Mache Cream'
4. Pansy 'Skyline Copperfield'
5. *Oxalis triangularis*
6. *Euphorbia 'Tasmanian Tiger'*

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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. *Pericaulis* can add a bright focal point for a sunny, sheltered area. *Primroses* offer a wide array of color choices as well.

Care and Maintenance:

The plants in this container will thrive in morning sun or part shade and bloom through June or later. Even after the stop the striking foliage contrast will add pop to any area. Also the pansy and ranunculus can be replaced with summer annuals such as *Impatiens* or *begonias*. 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.