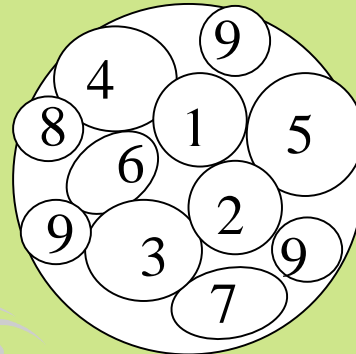


Recipe Card for the Container Design of the Month

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Design of the Month



Fall Finale

1. Cordyline 'Cha Cha'
2. Euphorbia 'Blackbird'
3. Heucherella 'Brass lantern'
4. Salvia officinalis 'Icterina'
5. Lonicera 'Baggesen's Gold'
6. Thymus vulgaris
7. Muhlenbeckia axillaris 'Tricolor'
8. Acena inermis 'Purpurea'
9. Red viola

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Steps:

1. Fill your container 2/3 of the way with all-purpose Potting Soil.
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 in.
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. Grasses and Phormium will sub for the Cordyline. A gold Calluna or Santolina 'Lemon Fizz' can fill in for the Lonicera or Salvia. Red Cyclamen persica can replace the violas, and variegated Vinca will look nice in place of the Muhlenbeckia.

Care and Maintenance:

The plants in this container will thrive with bright light in the winter, and around 5-8 hours of sun in summer. Water when slightly dry, being careful not to over water. Top dress and gently scratch into the surface some granular all-purpose fertilizer 3 months after planting. In a year or two the plants will out grow the container and will need to be separated into several containers or planted in the garden.