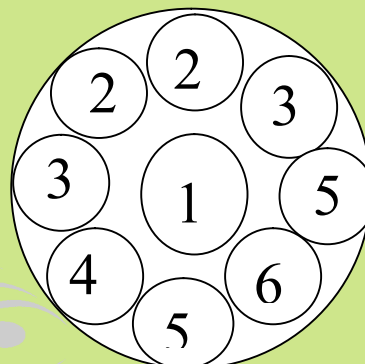


# Recipe Card for the Container Design of the Month

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Design of the Month



### Fall Beauty

1. Kale 'Redbor'
2. Silverdust dusty miller
3. Aster 'Purple Dome'
4. Pepper 'Black Pearl'
5. Viola 'Babyface Mix'
6. Sedum 'Angelina'

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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. There are many types of beautiful kales and cabbages, asters and violas. Dark Heuchera, gold creeping jenny and cyclamen will work to adapt this combo for a shadier spot.

### Care and Maintenance:

The plants in this container will thrive with up to 6 plus hours of sun. Water when slightly dry, being careful not to over water. This composition will even look great through the winter! The asters will go dormant, and peppers will die when winter comes.