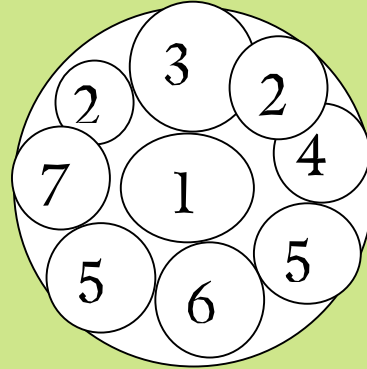


Recipe Card for the
Container Design of the Month
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October

Design of the Month



Blackbird Moon

1. *Echinacea* 'Harvest Moon'
2. *Euphorbia* 'Blackbird' & 'Ruby Glow'
3. *Rhamnus* f. Ron Williams'
4. *Aster* 'Henry III'
5. Pansy
6. Dusty Miller 'Silver Dust'
7. Pepper 'Medusa'

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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.

Care and Maintenance:

The plants in this container will thrive in at least 5 hours of sun and be in full color through November. The *Echinacea* and *Aster* can be cut back to the soil level when the leaves turn yellow. The pepper can be replaced with a cyclamen or other interesting winter plants. The *Euphorbia* and dusty miller are evergreen. The pansies will bloom into spring. Water thoroughly when the top inch of soil is dry. Gently scratch into the surface some granular all-purpose fertilizer in the spring.