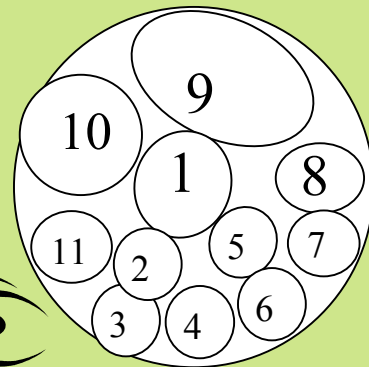


Recipe Card for the
Container Design of the Month
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October

Design of the Month



Autumn Texture

1. *Carex buchananii*
2. *Leucojum autumnale*
3. *Leptinella gruveri*
4. French Tarragon
5. Oregano, common
6. *Artemesia s. 'Silver Mound'*
7. *Sempervivum 'Royal Ruby'*
8. *Trifolium 'Dark Dancer'*
9. *Halimium ocymoides*
10. *Nandina 'Fire Power'*
11. *Lysmachia cong. 'Chocolate'*

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*.
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 full sun (a minimum of 6 hours) with color and interest all year! The deciduous perennials will be full till about Thanksgiving and then can be replaced with winter pansies, or cover with decorative rock or evergreen boughs and berries. Water thoroughly when the top inch of soil is dry. Top dress and gently scratch into the surface some granular all-purpose fertilizer in the spring. The plants will get overcrowded in nine months to year. At this point separate the plants and put in the garden or new containers.