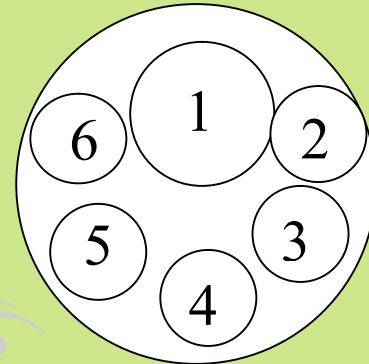


Recipe Card for the
Container Design of the Month
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Design of the Month



Autumn Spice

1. Pepper 'Chilly Chilly'
2. *Perilla frutescens* Purple Shiso
3. *Rudbeckia hirta* 'Becky Yellow'
4. *Thymus* 'Lemon Variegated'
5. *Rudbeckia hirta* 'Toto Gold'
6. Triple Curl Parsley

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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 ornamental peppers or millet, several evergreen herbs and pansies could be used for flower power.

Care and Maintenance:

The plants in this container will thrive with around 6+ hours of sun. 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. Harvest the Shiso before the first frost. The parsley and Thyme will yield all winter. Replace pepper with kale or other winter plant. Please note: Pepper 'Chilly chilly' was grown as an ornamental.