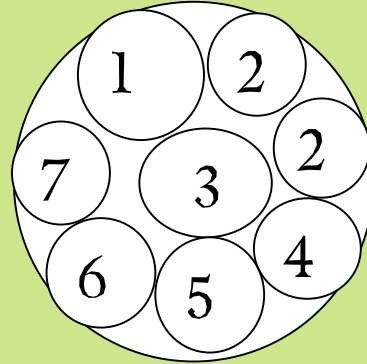


Recipe Card for the
Container Design of the Month
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September

Design of the Month



Fall's Bounty

1. Red Swiss Chard
2. *Carex dipsacea*
3. Rudbeckia 'Toto Gold'
4. Fame Red Mum
5. Thymus v. 'Silver Posie'
6. Lettuce 'Salanova Red Oakleaf'
7. Ornamental 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. Kale can make a bold centerpiece, trailing rosemary or winter savory as aromatic spillers and pansies and asters for bright fillers.

Care and Maintenance:

The plants in this container will thrive with a minimum of 6 hours of sun, and thrive through October, until the first hard frost. Water when the top two inches of soil is dry. The chard, *Carex* and thyme will persist through the winter.