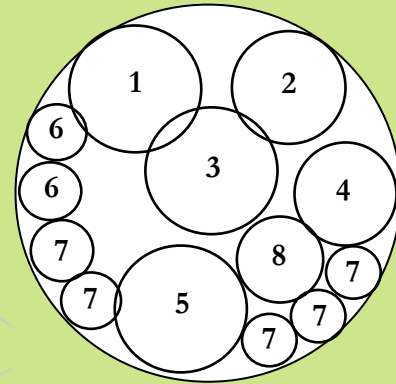


Recipe Card for the Container Design of the Month

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September

Design of the Month



Fall Color Wheel

1. *Helictotrichon sempervirens*
2. *Verbena c.* 'Homestead Purple'
3. *Salvia g.* 'Black and Blue'
4. *Rudbeckia h.* 'Indian Summer'
5. *Achillea* 'Strawberry Seduction'
6. *Cotoneaster d.* 'Mooncreeper'
7. *Viola* 'Penny Lane Mix'
8. *Ophiopogon p.* 'Nigrescens'

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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*.
3. Moistening the soil so it's 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 roots 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). This combination will give color and textural interest all season long. The deciduous perennials will be full until 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. The perennials will get overcrowded in nine months to a year. At this point separate the plants and put in the garden or new containers.