## Recipe Card for the Container Design of the Month

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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. You may also want to add Zeba for moisture retension. 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:

You can tailor this pot in numerous ways to fit your pallet. For the tomatoes choose determinate varieties (since they are smaller plants) or container varieties like 'Patio', 'Micro Tom' and 'Tumbler Tom'. The squash and cuke will trail over the container. Compact varieties would also work such as Bush Delicata squash or bush pickling cucumber. There is a compact zucchini called 'Spacemaster' and a yellow one called 'Buckingham'.

## Care and Maintenance:

The plants in this container will thrive in full sun. Water daily. With all these vigorous thirsty veggies consider adding Zeba to your potting mix to help hold water longer. Top dress and gently scratch into the surface some granular veggie fertilizer every month. You will get veggies through into October!