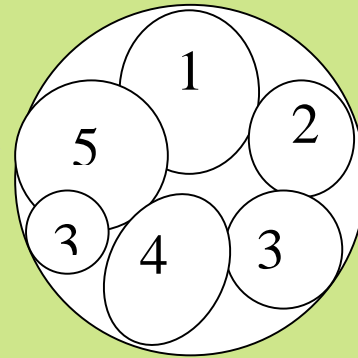


Recipe Card for the
Container Design of the Month
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December

Design of the Month



Country Holiday

1. *Helleborus* 'Jonas'
2. Dusty Miller
3. White Viola
4. Cyclamen 'Laser Scarlet'
5. *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* 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.

Care and Maintenance:

The plants in this container will thrive in part shades from November through January. The cyclamen is tender and does not like to be over watered so this design is best on a covered porch or cool atrium for the winter. The Hellebore can be planted in the garden in spring or the container redesigned for next year's bloom.