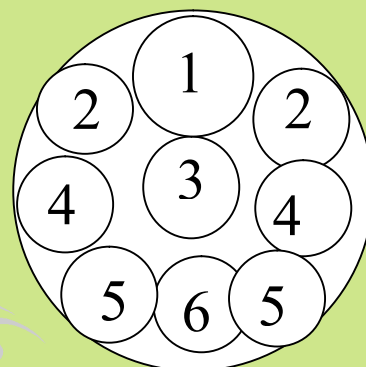
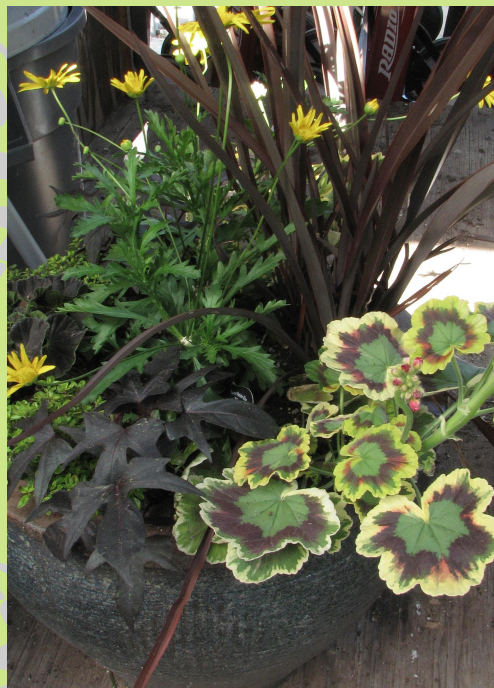


Recipe Card for the
Container Design of the Month
Designed by Marva Easterly at Portland Nursery

May

Design of the Month



Expecting Summer

1. *Phormium 'Plat's Black'*
2. *Geranium 'Tricolor'*
3. *Euryops pectinatus*
4. *Ipomea 'Blackie'*
5. *Thymus 'Lime'*
6. *Geranium 'Bulls eye Scarlet'*

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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 Phormiums and Cordaylines available for vertical accent. Geranium Vancouver Centinal or Persian Queen also have bright foliage. Osteospermum or Margurite daisies can sub for the Euryops.

Care and Maintenance:

The plants in this container will thrive with up to 6 plus hours of sun. Water when slightly dry, being careful not to over water. Fertilize twice a month with a liquid fertilizer such as a fish and kelp blend. The Phormium and Thyme will persist through the winter! Replace annuals with winter interest of your choice!