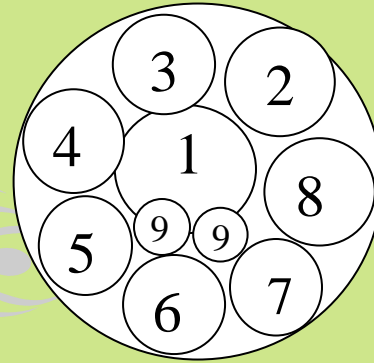


Recipe Card for the Container Design of the Month

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Design of the Month



Blush of Snow

1. *Viburnum tinus* 'Compacta'
2. *Carex buechananii*
3. *Sedum tetractinum*
4. *Cheilanthes lanosa*
5. *Cyclamen persicum* 'Mini White'
6. *Heuchera* 'Crimson Curls'
7. *Astelia nervosa* 'Westland'
8. *Cyclamen coum* 'Silver Form'
9. Holiday accents: pinecones & Huckleberry branches

Steps:

1. Fill your container 2/3 of the way with all-purpose mix such as Edna's Best Potting Soil.
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 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. There are many other *Heuchera*, ferns, and grasses (such as *Stipa*, *Festuca*, or other *Carex*) that would fit in nicely. In spring and summer, long-blooming annuals such as pansies, Impatiens, or Begonia will work well in this scheme. Extra holiday accents such as bows and ornaments can be added for extra festive touches.

Care and Maintenance:

The plants in this container will thrive with 4-6 hours of sun, and bloom in the cooler months of the year. Water thoroughly when the top two inches of soil are dry. Top dress and gently scratch into the surface some granular all-purpose fertilizer in spring and summer. The *Viburnum* will need to be planted in a larger pot or in the ground in a year or so (and can take full sun), but the other plants will be happy in the pot for some time.