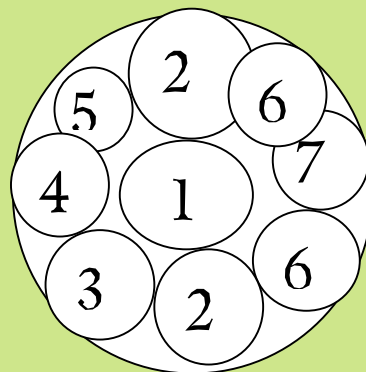


Recipe Card for the  
Container Design of the Month  
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May

Design of the Month



### Mother's Day Magic

1. *Digiplexsus* 'Illumination Flame'
2. New Guinea Impatiens 'Divine Lavender'
3. *Torenia* 'Catalina Gilded Grape'
4. *Heuchera* 'Berry Marmalade'
5. *Plectranthus* 'Troys Gold'
6. *Tradescantia* 'Red Wandering Jew'
7. *Hakoenchloa* 'All Gold'

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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. Coleus can make a bold center piece, sweet potato vine dramatic colorful spillers and *Oxalis* 'Molten Lava' as a bright filler.

### Care and Maintenance:

The plants in this container will thrive with a minimum of 4 hours of sun before 1pm, and bloom through October. Water when the top two inches of soil is dry. Top dress and gently scratch into the surface some granular all-purpose fertilizer 3 months after planting. The *Digiplexsus* can be overwintered in a sheltered location. The *Hakoenchloa* is perennial.