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.
- Mix some fertilizer into the soil in the container.

We have always had exceptional results with E.B. Stone Sure Start.

- 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.
- 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 Euphorbia or Heuchera available for vertical accent. Carex or Sisyrinchium substitute for the Hemerocallis. Celosia or Amaranth can sit in for the Snapdragons, and Saponaria or Lysmachia 'Chocolate' can provide the draping red of the Saxifraga. Calendla or Osteospermum sub for the Argyranthemum.

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. Some plants will persist through the winter! Besides the Argyranthemum and Snapdragons, these plants are perennial and will continue to thrive with fertilizer, and thinning in a few years.