## 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.
- 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. Rudbeckia 'Rustic Colors' will sub for the 'Cherry Brandy'. Pheasant Tail grass can fill in for the Carex. *Heuchera* fill in for the *Ajuga* and *Cordyline* for the *Libertia*.

## Care and Maintenance:

The plants in this container will thrive with around 3-8 hours of sun any time of day. Water when slightly dry, being careful not to over water. Top dress and gently scratch into the surface some granular all-purpose in the spring.