## 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 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.

## Care and Maintenance:

The plants in this container will are all evergreen, and should provide interest throughout winter and into spring. In April or May, move the Dryopteris, Farfugium, and Heuchera to shady spots, and the other plants to sunny spots, and replace with summer color. Water thoroughly when the top inch of soil is dry. Gently scratch granular all-purpose fertilizer into the surface in the spring.