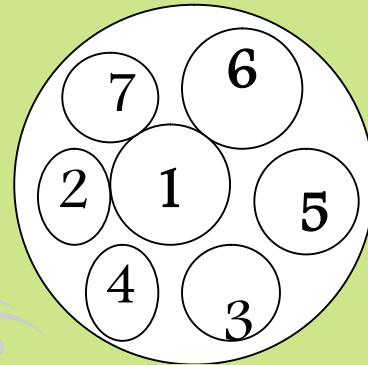


Recipe Card for the
Container Design of the Month
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August

Design of the Month



Summer Sizzler

1. *Salvia 'Black & Blue'*
2. *Salvia buchananii*
3. *Lantana camara 'Tropical Fruit'*
4. *Sedum spurium 'Red carpet'*
5. *Carex testacea*
6. *Sedum album 'Murale'*
7. *Hermannia verticillata*
(Honeybells)

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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. Alternatives include: *Salvia patens*, or *Salvia 'May Night'* for 1, *Salvia chipaensis* or *S. gregii 'Lipstick'* for 2, any Lantana or Verbena for 3, *Sedum 'Dragon blood'* for 4, a bronze *Carex* for 5, any *Sedum* or *Delosperma* for 6, and *Bidens* or a yellow *Callibrichoa* for 7.

Care and Maintenance:

The plants in this container will thrive in full sun (a minimum of 6 hour of direct sun). This container can even grow in hot sun! We suggest using Zeba (a water holding product) to help with the water demands of in hot sun. Water when slightly dry, being careful not to over water. The annuals can be replaced in the fall with pansies, cabbages or other winter interest.