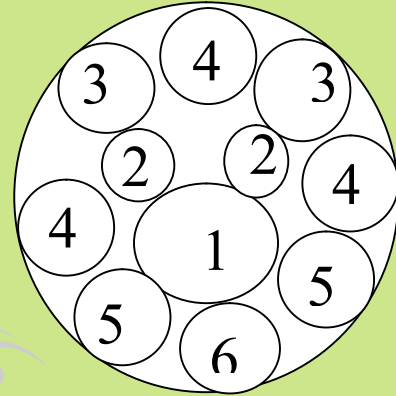


# Recipe Card for the Container Design of the Month

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Design of the Month



### Perennial Summer Love

1. *Echinacea* 'Tomato Soup'
2. *Libertia ixioides* 'Taupo Sunset'
3. *Salvia officinalis* 'Icterina'
4. *Sedum* 'Vera Jameson'
5. *Lysimachia* 'Chocolate'
6. *Sanvitalia* 'Tequila'

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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. There are many types of Echinacea or Dahlias available for vertical accent. Several Carex substitute for the Libertia. There are many dusky Sedum choices. Sweet Potato vine or Acena 'Purpurea' can sit in for the Lysimachia, and Bidens or a yellow Helianthemum can provide the draping yellow of the Sanvitalia.

### 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. The Sage and Libertia will persist through the winter! Besides the Sanvitalia these plants are perennial and will continue to thrive with fertilizer, and thinning in a few years.