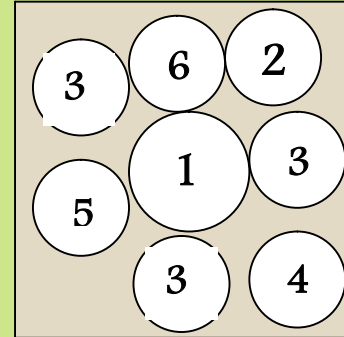


Recipe Card for the
Container Design of the Month
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December

Design of the Month



Warm Winter

1. *Carex testacea* 'Prarie Fire'
2. *Heuchera* 'Amber Waves'
3. Pansy 'Copperfield'
4. *Lonicera* 'Lemon Beauty'
5. *Euphorbia* 'Blackbird'
6. *Calluna v.* 'Fritz Kirchner'

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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. You can use *Carex buchanii* or another *Carex* for the focal point, *Saxafraga* 'Harvest Moon' would work in place of the *Heuchera*, and *Thymus* 'Highland Cream' will work in place of the *Lonicera*. *Black Mondo grass* (*Ophiopogon nigra*) will work in place of the *Euphorbia*.

Care and Maintenance:

This combination will thrive with morning sun or a spot with a minimum of 4 hours of sun (if its not raining). Water the container when the top two inches of soil is dry. Fertilize the container in late March with an all purpose fertilizer. The pansies may need to be replaced come May with a different summer annual of your choice.