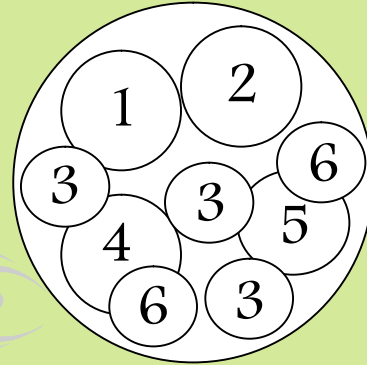


Recipe Card for the
Container Design of the Month
Designed by the Staff at Portland Nursery

January

Design of the Month



Winter's Wonder Container

1. *Euphorbia* 'Tasmanian Tiger'
2. *Juncus effuses* 'Elk's Blue'
3. Pansies in Shades of Blue
4. *Acorus gramineus* 'Variegatus'
5. *Helleborus* 'Silver Lace'
6. *Vinca macrophylla* 'Variegata'

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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: *Euphorbia* 'Glacier Blue', *Juncus effuses* 'Will Flemming' or 'Unicorn', *Carex* 'Ice Dance', *Helleborus argutifolia* or *H.* 'Ivory Prince', and any Vinca, Ivy, Primroses as trailers or color spots.

Care and Maintenance:

The plants in this container will thrive in partial sun, at least 2 hours of sun in the summer or filtered sun through the day. Water when slightly dry, being careful not to over water. Top dress and gently scratch into the surface some granular all-purpose fertilizer 3 months after planting. Replace the pansies when they get leggy in late spring with summer annuals such as *Impatiens* or *Torenia*. Enjoy!