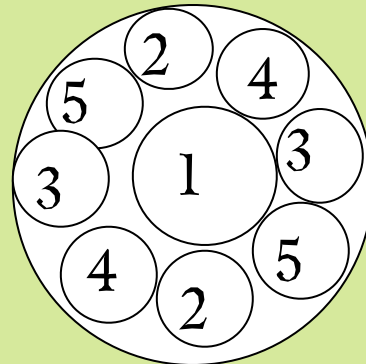


Recipe Card for the
Container Design of the Month
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Design of the Month



May Day Bouquet

1. *Dahlia* 'Mystic Dreamer'
2. *Sedum* 'Lemon Coral'
3. *Ipomea* 'Blackie'
4. *Diascia* 'Little Charmer'
5. *Calibrachoa* 'Cherry Blossom'

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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* 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 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 Dahlias, or try Marguerite daisies or Abutilon for the focal piece. *Lysimachia* 'Chocolate' will give a trailing dark foliage accent. *Nemesia*, or *Bacopa* can offer small pink flowers like the *Diascia*. *Ipomea* Emerald Illusion or *Sedum* 'Angelina' and be substituted as a chartreuse trailer.

Care and Maintenance:

The plants in this container will thrive with full sun, and bloom into late fall. Water when slightly dry, being careful not to over water. Fertilize at least once a month with a liquid bloom fertilizer such as Fox Farm Big Bloom.