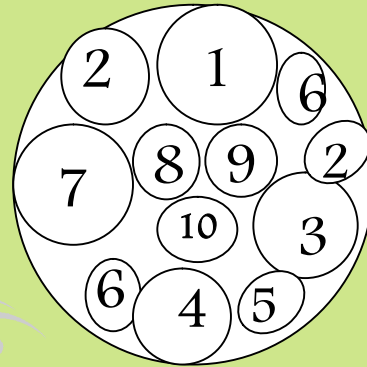


Recipe Card for the
Container Design of the Month
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May

Design of the Month



May Morning

1. *Abutilon x sutense* 'Violetta'
2. *Eschscholzia* 'Apricot Chiffon'
3. *Parahebe perfoliata*
4. *Penstemon* 'Jean Grace'
5. *Dichondra* 'Silver Falls'
6. *Gypsophila muralis* 'Deep Rose'
7. *Convolvulus cneorum*
8. *Dolichos lab lab*
9. *Orach* 'Burgundy'
10. *Calandrinia grandiflora*

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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: *Abutilon vitifolium*, *Eschscholzia* 'Mission Bells', any blue *Penstemon*, *Helichrysum* White or Petite Licorice can fill in for the *Dichondra*. The *Parahebe* is unique and you can taylor the design with any dramatic foliage such as *Sedum palmeri*, *Echivera* or *Aeonium*. The *Gypsophila* can be subbed with Lotus vine, and the *Orach* can be subbed by any sun toleran coleus such as 'Religious Raddish'. The Hyacinth bean vine (*Dolichos*) can be any annual vine of your choice. *Cerithe* would work nice in place of the *Calandrinia*. A silver Hebe such as *H pinguifolia*.

Care and Maintenance:

The plants in this container will thrive in a minimum of six hours of direct sun. 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. This design holds winter interest with the *Convolvulus* and *Parahebe*.