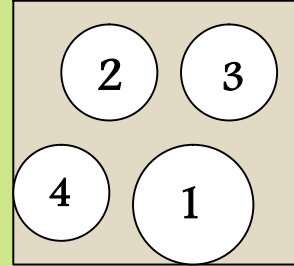


Recipe Card for the Container Design of the Month

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Design of the Month



Apple of my Eye

1. Apple 'Scarlet Sentinel'
2. *Carex 'Ice Dance'*
3. *Vinca 'Wojo's Gem'*
4. Hypericum 'Tricolor'

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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 under plant the columnar apple with a variety of edible plants such as lettuce, parsley, Thyme, lettuce, choy, strawberries or dianthus. For more ideas of edible planters check our Edible Container designs pamphlet on our Help Desk Page of the website.

Care and Maintenance:

Apples and the companion plants thrive in full sun with regular water when the top 2" of the soil is dry. The plants in this container will thrive in its current arrangement for one to two years before the apple tree will need a larger pot or a root pruning. Replace the viola with other seasonal color in the spring or a spring herb or vegetable! Fertilize in early April with an all purpose fertilizer of your choice.