



Adding Color to Your Life

Container Design Tips

1. Maximize Bloom – choose tall, filler and trailing
2. Decide the View – this determines the placement of above plants in the container
3. Exceptions: Hanging Baskets – for hanging baskets, use fillers and trailers
4. Exception: Small Containers – for small containers, use one plant and group containers together.
5. Exception: Beautiful Pot – if the pot design is stunning in itself and you want to see it, avoid trailing plants. Use fillers.
6. Stumped on color choice? Use the Color Wheel. Complimentary colors, monochromatic schemes and triangles on the wheel are pleasing.
7. Add White to make other colors pop.
8. Plant in triangles – this is where odd numbers come in.
9. Plant most trailing plants in the middle or close to the middle and let them grow out and through.
10. Plant your plants grouped towards the middle of the pot, not on the edges.

Planting Tips

1. Point Tuberous Begonia leaves to the outside of the pot.
2. Work with the directionality of the plant; e.g., a trailing plant that is heading more one direction than another should be placed with that growth to the outside of the pot.
3. When side planting moss baskets, start with an empty basket and put in soil after you've put in side plantings.
4. Use soil moist in moss baskets.
5. Don't overcrowd your containers.
6. Use Styrofoam, upside down pot, other fillers only in 1/3 of pots 20" or more in diameter.
7. Replace soil every year, or top dress 6" or more in larger pots.
8. Don't use dirt from the ground; use potting soil.
9. Loosen the roots
10. Pinch gangly plants.
11. Start with plants of the same size.