

CONTAINER GARDENING PLANTS: THRILLERS, FILLERS AND SPILLERS									
Key:									
T=Thriller (Tall)	Use as centerpiece or backdrop								
MT=Medium Tall Thriller	Centerpiece in smaller arrngmnts, or as a filler								
F=Filler (Mounding)	Use as filler plants to give body to arrangement								
S=Spiller (Trailing)	Trailing Plants; plant on edges except where noted								
SUN ANNUALS					CHARACTERISTICS				
Achillea, Vagabond (or Gypsy)	F	Use it with Bacopa to keep white all season							
Ageratum, Hawaii Mix	F	Best in beds; dwarf							
Ageratum, High Tide Blue	MT&F								
Alyssum	S	Loves cool Weather; can also tolerate part shade							
Angelonia	MT	Summer snap							
Aster	F	Good Fall Color							
Bidens	F&S	Great yellow color; moderately trailing. Deer resistant.							
Bouganvillea	F & S	Monoculture							
Calendula	F	Extremely Cold Tolerant. Medicinal and edible.							
Calibracoa (Million Bells)	F&S	Also good in Part Sun							
Canna Lily	T	Huge plant, tropical leaves; likes sun & humidity. Dead head to keep blooming. BIG pot!							
Carnation, Annual	F								
Celosia	F								
Chrysanthemum Belgian Mum	F	Monoculture, gets huge							
Chrysanthemum, Garden Mum	F	Good as Monoculture or in beds but can be used in Fall Combos							
Chrysocephalum	F	Yellow ball-like flower on gray/green foliage; dainty but extremely cold tolerant							
Coleus	T	Newer cultivars are for sun; also some for shade. Use a BIG pot!							
Confetti Gardens	F	Pre-Mixed gardens; great way to go if feeling design-challenged!							
Coreopsis, Annual	F&MT	Annual variety blooms all summer; great colors							
Cosmos, Cosmic Mix	MT	Orange shades							
Cosmos, Sonata Mix	T	Best in backs of beds; reseeds. Use large pot.							
Dahlias	MT&F								
Dahlia, Mystic	T	Black foliage. Monoculture. Needs a big pot.							
Daisy, Boston (Argyranthemum)	T	Don't use in hanging baskets; sheer to keep nice							
Daisy, Felicia Blue	F								
Daisy, Gerbera	F								
Dianthus	F	Cut back for rebloom							

Doreanthus Mezoo (Variegated Ice Plant)	F&S								
Dracaena (Spike)	T								
Dusty Miller	F	Cold Tolerant, decorative foliage							
Euphorbia Diamond Frost	MT&F	Must-Have plants! Bloom all summer							
Evolvulus Blue My Mind	S	Sky blue flowers; plant this spiller near pot edges.							
Flowering Kale	F	Great for fall. Smaller varieties can go in mixed containers.							
Gazania	F								
Geranium, Pillar	T	Pillar very aggressive, grow in separate pot on trellis							
Geranium, Zonal	MT&F	Check varieties for finished height							
Grass, Carex "Leather Leaf Sedge"	MT	Bronze brown color, very upright, stiff foliage							
Grass, Cyperus Tut Series	T	Baby Tut is smaller; King Tut grows to 5'. Aggressive, use large pots.							
Grass, Isolepis "Live Wire"	F	Looks fiber optic!							
Grass, Kniphofia	T	A blooming grass; use large container.							
Grass, Pennisetum Tall	T	Purple Fountain and Bunny Tail need very large containers.							
Grass, Pennisetum Dwarf	F	Fireworks is best as a filler; stunning tri-color.							
Gypsophila	F	Try as monoculture in small pot							
Helichrysum, Licorice Plant	S	Plant in the middle and let grow out & through							
Helichrysum, Strawflower	F	Very heat tolerant							
Heliotrope	MT&F	Fragrant.							
Hibiscus	MT	Monoculture							
Huechera	F	Some varieties are sun-loving and have beautiful flowers, but mostly grown for foliage							
Hyacinth Bean Vine (Dolochos Lab Lab)	T/S	Aggressively vining, reaching massive heights, best in beds or alone in a pot.							
Ipomoea, Sweet Potato Vine	S	Some varieties very aggressive; use only in large pots. Plant all in middle.							
Jasmine	F	Monoculture							
Lamium	S								
Lantana	F&S	Gets very lanky, so good to plant in middle and let grow out and through.							
Laurentia	F	Sweet blue flower of fern-like foliage. Frost tolerant. Aggressive & heavy feeder.							
Lobelia, Vegetative	S	Lobelia that can take the sun better than seed varieties.							
Lobularia (Vegetative Alyssum)	S	Alyssum-like plant that will bloom all summer and not stall in heat.							
Lotus Vine	S	Delicate, gray-green fern-like foliage with parrot's beak shaped blossom.							
Manettia Bicolor Candy Corn Vine	S	Waxy leaves, very vining, provide support.							
Marigold	T,MT&F	Check varieties for height.							
Millet, Ornamental	T	Tall, aggressive corn-like plant. Use in lg pots (whiskey barrell size) or back of beds.							
Morning Glory	S	Monoculture or Bed; aggressive climbing							
Nasturtium	S	Blossoms are edible							
Penstemon, Phoenix	T	Colorful annual Penstemon good for height. Blooms all summer if deadheaded. Lg. Pot.							
Petunias, Seeded	F	Deadhead for continued bloom							

Petunia, Vegetative	F&S	Vegetative types require no deadheading, but need lots of fertilizer; good as monoculture
Phlox, Annual	MT&F	Very fragrant & heat tolerant. Intensia is a filler, Phloxy series can be a smaller thriller.
Portulaca (Moss Rose)	F&S	Heat tolerant
Ptilotus	MT	Has long-lasting purple-pink flower spike on gray-green foliage. Joey short, Wallaby tall.
Rudbeckia	T,MT&F	Great for fall color. Check varieties for height.
Salvia, Black&Blue/Raspberry/Blue Angel/Sallyfun	T	Aggressive, good for large planters. Deer don't like 'em!
Salvia, Blue Victoria	MT	Cold Tolerant
Salvia, Red & Mixed Colors	F	
Sanvitalia (Creeping Zinnia)	F&S	Great yellow color, moderately trailing
Scaevola	S	Plant in the middle and let grow out & through
Snapdragon, Medium	MT	
Snapdragon, Rocket Series	T	
Sunflower (Helianthus)	MT	Dwarf variety, good as monoculture.
Sweetpea, Annual	S	Climber, monoculture best
Talinum Limon (Jewel of Opar)	MT&F	Lime leaf with long, graceful flower stalk. Slow grower but worth the wait!
Thunbergia	S	Climber, monoculture best
Verbena	F&S	Hummingbird attractant; plant in the middle and let grow out & through
Vinca Cooler	F	Extremely heat tolerant
Zinnia	T,MT&F	Check varieties for height; extremely heat tolerant, deer resistant. Water at base of plnt
PART SUN ANNUALS		CHARACTERISTICS
Bacopa	S	Plant in the middle and let grow out & through; put in part sun to avoid stall; keep moist
Begonia, Boliviensis	S	Interspecific type can take some heat
Begonia, Fibrous	F	
Begonia, Trailing	S	Floriferous and aggressive plants, monoculture.
Coleus	MT	Check tag for Shade or Sun tolerance
Geranium, Ivy/Caliente	S	
Geranium, Martha Washington	MT	Monoculture, likes cool nights. Shade can prolong bloom.
Huechera (Coral Bells)	MT	Use a perennial varieties for their beautiful foliage.
Impatiens, New Guinea	F	Interspecific type can take some heat
Impatiens, Trailing	S	Vegetative varieties can be aggressive
Lamium Vine	S	Aggressive; plant in the middle and let grow out & through
Lobelia	F&S	Check tags for height; seeded variety does best in part sun; veg/ can take sun
Lophospermum	S	Has pink trumpet shaped flower, very trailing.
Nemesia	F	Sachets are fragrant!
Osteospermum	MT&F	Likes cool weather
Pansy	F	Likes cool weather

Chives		But to survive our winters, plant in the ground.					
Cucumbers, especially bush type		Try Fanfare in a Hanging Basket!					
Eggplant, Fairy Tale		Designed for container growing					
Eggplant, Ichiban		Use a large container					
Herbs							
Garlic		Separate cloves; store-bought has been treated & won't grow as well.					
Kale							
Kholrabi							
Leeks							
Lettuce		Can be grown in a small container.					
Melon		Large container					
Okra		Large container					
Onions		Why not?!					
Parsley							
Peppers							
Potatoes		Try the garbage can/straw method!					
Spinach		Stagger planting for longer harvest. Fall is a good second crop.					
Squash		Large container					
Strawberries							
Swiss Chard							
Tomatoes, Determinate Type		Some that will work: Celebrity, Manitoba, Juliet Grape, Roma, Mt Princess Sunsugar, Super Sioux, Sweet 100, Black Cherry, Tumbling Toms, Yell Pear					