

Container Conundrums

Mastering the Art of Extreme Design

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Where we started ...

What Containers Do for You

Enhance Décor
Grow Small
Accent Architecture
Soften Edges
Signal Change
Move Color Around
Form a Finial
Echo Hardscape
Reflect Plant Forms
Focal Points Indoors and Out
Bring Plants to Eye Level
Grow Tender Plants
Make a Focal Point
Anything Can Be a Container

Materials Suggestions

Perched water—Use soil all the way down
Water Storing Crystals
Drainage Dishes, Ceramic Saucers
DrainIt Disc Inserts, UpsaDaisy Insert
Rubber, Ceramic, Terra Cotta Pot Feet
Recommended Potting Soils: *Gardner-N-Bloome Potting Soil, Kellogg Patio Mix*
Fertilizer: E.B.Stone Organics, Dr. Earth, Holly-Tone (Organic Granular Slow Release)
Mycorrhizae
Watering Systems: Drip Systems on Timers
Rain Barrels

Traits to look for with Hot Sun Plants: *silver, gray, blue, fuzzy, or small foliage*

Traits to look for with Shade Plants: *large leaves, lighter/variegated pale white, cream, chartreuse, or deep green*

Traits to look for with High Wind Plants: *open structure, low-growers*

Design Basics

Single Stars vs. Bouquet

The Rule to Be Broken

Thriller, Filler, Spiller

Design Proportions

Pot Size to Plant Size

Seasonal Changeout

Hot Sun
Alpine Plants
Dense Shade
High Winds
MOST Extreme

Suggested Plant List

Hot Sun Examples from Our Photos:

- Flowering Pomegranate *Punica* 'Nana'
- Various succulents
- *Senecio*
- *Tecoma* 'Lydia'
- *Hebe* 'Karo Golden Esk'
- *Tricyrtis*
- *Cordyline*
- Sun loving grasses ie; *Pennisetum*, *Miscanthus*, *Nasella*
- Tropicals
- *Yucca*
- Summer Annuals
- *Agave* 'Winter Sun'
- *Canna* 'Purpurea'
- *Salvia* 'Icterina'
- *Rhodohypoxis*
- *Lewisia*

Shade/Deep Shade:

- Ferns, Holly fern *Cyrtomium falcatum*
- Shade loving grasses ie; *Hakonachloa*, variegated *Carex*
- *Hosta* 'Dream Weaver'
- *Colocasia* 'Illustris'
- Native maidenhair fern *Adiantum pedatum*, Western sword fern *Polystichum setiferum*
- *Brunnera*
- *Cryptomeria* 'Black Dragon'
- *Nandina*
- *Fuchsia*
- Annuals; Coleus, Begonia, Impatiens
- *Hellebore*
- *Hydrangea*

High Winds:

- *Pinus mugo* 'Slowmound', *Pinus contorta* 'Chief Joseph'
- *Thamnochortus insignis*
- Grasses; *Carex*, *Schizachyrium scoparium*, *Panicum* 'Heavy Metal'
- *Thuja occidentalis* 'Primo'
- *Cotoneaster* 'Streibs Findling'
- Blue spruce *Picea pungens* 'Globosa'
- *Phormium*

Most Extreme:

- *Craftstoricus droopifolia*

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