

GARDENING BY THE MOON

Dreaming of Gardening – Container Gardening Ideas

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I know everything in our world is upside down due to COVID-19 and hopefully your family is doing well. If you are like me and the walls are starting to close in, you might like to begin dreaming and planning for when you can garden again.

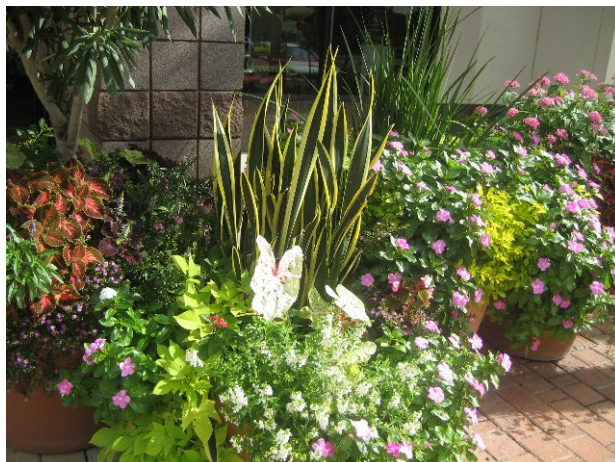
Containers to be the most effective should contain a thriller, filler and spiller technique of planting. You can use these same ideas for hanging baskets also.

Thriller Plants – These plants give height to the pot adding drama and a vertical focal point. These plants can be flowering plants, foliage plants, ornamental grasses or shrubs. These plants should be placed in the center of the container or on one side of the container if the container is to be viewed from one side.

Filler Plants – These plants fill in around the center planting, they are shorter in height, have rounded or mounded growth and can be several different varieties depending on the size of the container. These plants are planted halfway between the edge of the container and up to the thriller planting.

Spiller Plants – These plants are trailing plants that grow over the side of the container and add depth and interest. These plants are planted around the edge of the container and can be different varieties depending on the size of the container.

These photographs shows a container planting using many varieties of plants.



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Following are suggestions for sun containers and shade containers. Some contain native plantings mixed with annuals.

SUN CONTAINERS

The following are combinations of plants that can be used in sun containers:

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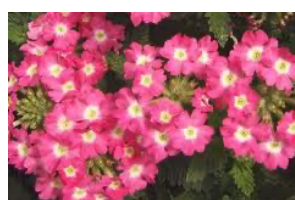
Thriller – Texas Star Mallow or Pink Tropical Hibiscus



Filler – Sweetheart Caladium and White Wing Caladium and Raspberry Blast Supertunia



Spiller – Mix Cascading Vinca and Green Sweet Potato Vine and Aztec Pink Verbena and Aztec White Verbena



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Idea 2:

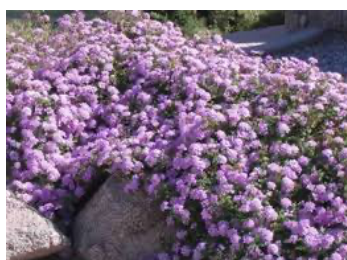
Thriller – Purple Fountain Grass



Filler – Alabama Coleus and Indigo Spires Salvia and Royal Velvet Supertunia and Lucky Yellow Lantana



Spiller – Green Sweet Potato Vine and Blackie Sweet Potato Vine and Trailing Lavender Lantana



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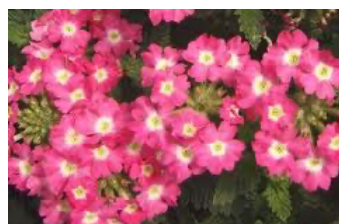
Thriller – Angelonia Purple



Filler – Royal Velvet Supertunia and Punch Cora Vinca and Lanceleaf Coreopsis and Lavender Cora Vinca and Blackfoot Daisy



Spiller – White Aztec Verbena and Pink Aztec Verbena and Homestead Purple Verbena and Green Sweet Potato Vine and Golden Oregano



Idea 4:

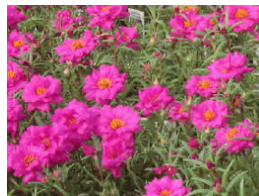
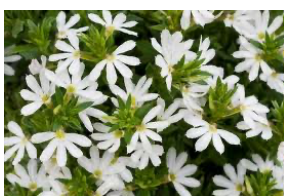
Thriller – Fox Tail Fern



Filler – Strawberry Cora Vinca and Double Yellow Zinnia and Electric Lime Coleus and White Wing Caladium



Spiller – Blue Scaevola and White Scaevola and Fuchsia Portulaca and Green Sweet Potato Vine



Idea 5:

Thriller – Rudbeckia Goldsturm



Filler – Midnight Blue Salvia and Hot Cherry Zinnia and Asparagus Fern and Lanceleaf Coreopsis



Spiller – White Scaevola and Blue Scaevola and Dichondra and Golden Oregano



Idea 6:

Thriller – Red Yucca



Filler – Red Cora Vinca and Bandana Red Lantana and Double Yellow Zinnia and Red Frill Caladium



Spiller – Coral Honeysuckle and Aztec White Verbena Lucky Yellow Lantana and Dichondra



Idea 7:

Thriller – Martha Gonzalez Rose



Filler – Red Cora Vinca and White Cora Vinca and Foxtail Fern and White Wing Caladium



Spiller – White Aztec Verbena and Blue Scaevola and Green Sweet Potato Vine and Red Bougainvillea



Idea 8:

Thriller – Color Guard Yucca



Filler – Lanceleaf Coreopsis and Blackfoot Daisy and Bandana Red Lantana and Violet Penta



Spiller – Green Sweet Potato Vine and Trailing Lavender Lantana and White Scaevola and Coral Honeysuckle



Idea 9:

Thriller – Blue Yucca



Filler – Blackfoot Daisy and Double Yellow Zinnia and Cherry Sunrise Lantana and Purple Angelonia



Spiller – Pink Guara and White Scaevola and Fuchsia Portulaca and Blue Scaevola and Dichondra

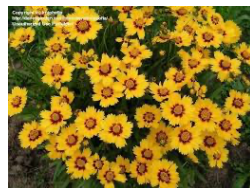


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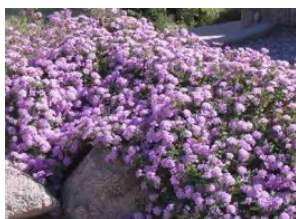
Thriller – Mexican Feather Grass



Filler – Dipt In Wine Coleus and Electric Lime Coleus and Lanceleaf Coreopsis and Red Cora Vinca



Spiller – Trailing Lavender Lantana and Aztec Burgundy Verbena and White Guara and White Scaevola and Creeping Jenny



Idea 11:

Thriller – Agave



Filler – Cora Vinca Mix and Blackfoot Daisy and Double Yellow Zinnia and Gomphrena



Spiller – Aztec Burgundy Verbena and Aztec White Verbena and Golden Oregano and Dichondra



Idea 12:

Thriller – Desert Willow



Filler – Angelonia Mix and Raspberry Blast Supertunia and White Wing Caladium and Strawberry Cora Vinca



Spiller – Aztec Pink Verbena and White Wave Trailing Petunia and Pink Guara and Green Sweet Potato Vine



Idea 13:

Thriller – Pocomoke Crape Myrtle



Filler – Cora Vinca Mix and Asparagus Fern and White Wing Caladium and Victoria Blue Salvia



Spiller – White Aztec Verbena and Pink Aztec Verbena and Golden Oregano and Sweet Potato Vine



Idea 14:

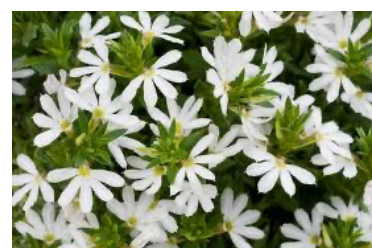
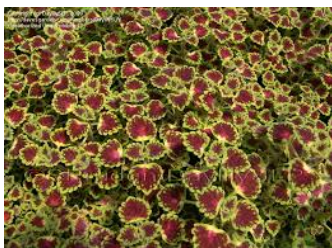
Thriller – Cordyline Red Star



Filler – Hot Cherry Zinnia and Double Yellow Zinnia and Gomphrena and White Penta and Red Lace Penta



Spiller – Wedding Train Coleus and Green Sweet Potato Vine and Blackie Sweet Potato Vine and White Scaevola



Idea 15:

Thriller – Blue Puffball Vitex



Filler – New Gold Lantana and Indigo Spires Salvia and White Angelonia and Purple Angelonia and White Wing Caladium



Spiller – Trailing Lavender Lantana and White Scaevola and Green Sweet Potato Vine



Idea 16:

Thriller – Spineless Prickly Pear



Filler – Profusion Mix Zinnia and Lanceleaf Coreopsis and Blackfoot Daisy



Spiller – Aztec White Verbena and Coral Honeysuckle and Dichondra and Fuchsia
Portulaca



Idea 17:

Thriller – Michaux's Sumac or Bottlebrush



Filler – Midnight Blue Salvia and Aztec White Verbena and Electric Lime Coleus



Spiller – Green Sweet Potato Vine and Blackie Sweet Potato Vine and Blue Scaevola and White Scaevola

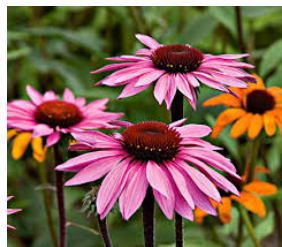


Idea 18:

Thriller – Compact Umbrella Plant



Filler – Hot Cherry Zinnia and Echinacea and White Cora Vinca and Pink Bougainvillea



Spiller – White Scaevola and Blue Scaevola and Creeping Jenny and Green Sweet Potato Vine and Blackie Sweet Potato Vine

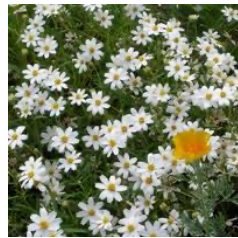


Idea19:

Thriller – Variegated Serrated Sanseveira



Filler – White Wing Caladium and Double Yellow Zinnia and Blackfoot Daisy and Lavender Cora Vinca



Spiller – Trailing Lavender Lantana and Cascading Vinca Mix and Aztec White Verbena and Golden Oregano



Idea 20:

Thriller – Elephant Ear



Filler – Lanceleaf Coreopsis and Echinacea and Pink Angelonia and White Angelonia



Spiller – Green Sweet Potato Vine and White Aztec Verbena and Pink Aztec Verbena and Pink Guara



Idea 21:

Thriller – Persian Shield



Filler – Gomphena and White Cora Vinca and Double Yellow Zinnia and Homestead Purple Verbena and Asparagus Fern



Spiller – Cascading Vinca Mix and Trailing Lavender Lantana and Green Sweet Potato Vine



SHADE CONTAINERS

The following are combinations of plants that can be used in shade containers:

Idea 1S:

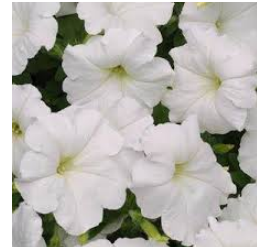
Thriller – Variegated Ginger



Filler – White Queen Caladium and Redhead Coleus and Electric Lime Coleus and Red Dragon Wing Begonia



Spiller – Variegated Vinca and Creeping Jenny and Rosy Dawn Trailing Petunia and White Wave Trailing Petunia



Idea 2S:

Thriller – Cutleaf Philodendron



Filler – Dark Pink or Fuchsia Bougainvillea and White Impatiens and Royal Velvet Supertunia and Silverleaf Begonia



Spiller – Variegated Vinca and Needlepoint Ivy and Flag Mix Trailing Petunia



Idea 3S:

Thriller – Foxtail Fern



Filler – Elfin Mix Impatiens and Aaron Caladiums and Pink Dragon Wing Begonias



Spiller – Creeping Jenny and White Wave Trailing Petunia and Variegated Vinca



Idea 4S:

Thriller – Cordyline Red Sister



Filler – Asparagus Fern and White Christmas Caladium and Punch Sunpatiens



Spiller – Trailing Petunia Flag Mix and Creeping Jenny and Variegated Vinca



Idea 5S:

Thriller – Raveana Palm



Filler – Elfin Mix Impatiens and and Aaron Caladium and Electric Lime Coleus and Redhead Coleus



Spiller – Rosy Dawn Trailing Petunia and White Wave Trailing Petunia and Creeping Jenny



Now that you have time, use these ideas to create your own designs. Have fun!