

**Choose plants from each group
and 1-2-3, you have created a
container garden!**

Tips for Success

- The container must have good drainage.
- Care and feeding: Start with a slow-release fertilizer when you plant your container and supplement weekly with a water soluble plant food like Miracle-Gro.
- Don't forget to water! Aren't sure if your plants need a drink? Do the finger test – if the soil is dry, water!
- Plants looking tired by mid-summer? Treat your plants to a "Salon Day" – trim, water and fertilize and they'll fill out and look spectacular for the rest of the summer!

These templates are guides to get you started. So start planting and remember the most important rules of container gardening:

- Have fun
- Enjoy the beautiful flowers
- Don't forget to take photos!

1- ACCENT

This is the centerpiece – the focal point of your container. They are usually tall, upright plants. If the pot will be viewed from all sides, this plant is usually placed in the center of the container.

2- MOUNDING

Mounding plants fill out the pot. They can add textural contrast or a splash of color to your container.

3- TRAILING

Trailing plants flow over the edge of the container.



EASY Container Design 1-2-3

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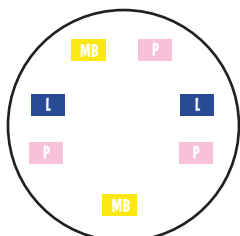


Designing the Container

Yes, accent plants can add the WOW factor, but they are optional. You can create beautiful containers with mounding and trailing as well. Below are ways of creating containers with and without the accent or moving the accent to a different position.

Number of Plants

- 1 - Accent (Grass or Spike) **A** 2 - Lobelia **L**
2 - Million Bells **MB** 3 - Petunia **P**

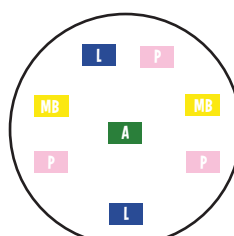
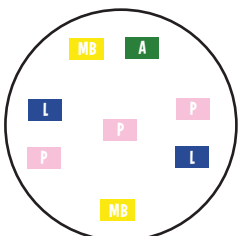


Container without accent



Million Bells Lobelia Petunia

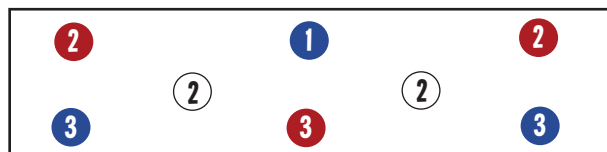
This photo is of plants used in these three container templates without an accent plant



Containers with accent, mounding and trailing plants

Window Box

Planter #1: Purple, White, Pink and Yellow plants
Planter #2: Red, White and Blue plants



1= Accent 2= Mounding 3= Trailing

1 - ACCENT

Attention getting, usually tall, upright plants

Angelonia • Cleome • Coleus • Euphorbia • Daisy
Cordylone • Fennel • Gaura • Grass • Millet
Ornamental Pepper • Snapdragon
Persian Shield

* ALSO FILLS OUT THE POT

2 - MOUNDING

Plants that fill up the pot

Ageratum • Alyssum • Aster • Begonia • Bidens
Calla Lilies • Celosia • Chrysanthemum • Cineraria
Coleus • Cosmos • Crossandra • Dahlia • Dianthus
Dusty Miller • Euphorbia • Fuchsia • Gazania
Geranium • Gomphrena • Helichrysum
Heliotrope • Impatiens • Lantana • Lobelia
Lobularia • Marigold • Million Bells
Nemesia • New Guinea Impatiens • Nicotiana
Osteospermum (Cape Daisy) • Pansy • Petunia
Phlox • Ranunculus • Salvia • Sanvitalia • Sedum
Snapdragon • Sunpatiens • Strawflower
Torenia • Verbena • Vinca (catharanthus)

* ALSO TRAILS

3 - TRAILING

Plants that fall over the edge of the pot

Bacopa • Dichondra • Vinca (catharanthus) Soire
Fan Flower (Scaevola) • Ivy Geranium
Lysimachia (Creeping Jenny) • Jamesbrittenia
Million Bells • Nasturtium • Petunia • Portulaca
Mandevilla • Mezoo (Dorenanthus) • Sedum (Trailing type)
Sweet Potato Vine • Verbena • Vinca Vine

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Watch our how to video at adamsfarms.com!



Monoculture

Using one plant variety

To add height, add one plant from column 1 and place at the back or center.

How many plants should be used per container?

There is no right answer, but we can give you a guide:

10" Container
3-4 Plants

12-14" Container
5-8 Plants

16" Container
8-12 Plants



What to consider when choosing how many plants:

• Vigor and final size

• Do you need to have your container look finished quickly? Add more than recommended.

• Don't worry if you plant too many. The most vigorous will take over, but you will still have a pretty container. Just take notes or pictures for next time.

Vegetable Containers

Many vegetables and herbs can be grown in a container. See our Easy Vegetable Gardening brochure at adamsfarms.com.

Vigorous vegetables like squash and eggplant will need a large container for just one plant. You can make a tomato combo using one patio tomato plant and adding one plant each of basil, parsley, oregano and thyme.