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Unique Container Gardening

When gardening in containers, there are just a few basic rules that need to be followed, no matter what the container is made of or looks like.

1. Good drainage is the number one thing that has to be dealt with before you can begin to plant up the container.

- If it is a metal container then simply punch a couple of holes in the bottom of the container and then place 2" of rock in the bottom.
- If it is a large clay pot, then you may want to fill up to ½ the pot with Styrofoam chips so the pot is not so heavy.
- Always remember that you will want to have drip trays under the pots, so in the heat of the summer these can hold extra water for the pot to drink from.

2. Choosing the right container for the right place.

- If a pot is too big for the area that you need to add some colour to, then look for other types of containers to fill that spot.
- You can hang half pots from the wall to add colour to an area with limited space.
- You can make half pots from old cans cut and then nailed to the wall.
- There are pots that are designed to fit into corners, so they take up less space.

3. Choosing the right plant for the pot.

- Choosing the right plants for the pot can make a big difference as to how the pot appears.
- Do not put plants that are too large for the container or too small, as this is not visually appealing.
- Doing theme planting in pots can be very nice, and using either a pot of contrasting colour or the same colour can really make a statement.

4. What can be used for a planting container?

- Well just about anything that can hold some soil can be used for planting.
- Don't throw away old dishes, pots and pans, watering cans that leak, boots, tea and coffee cans, bird houses, chairs, tables, old farm equipment and any other items that may become a beautiful container.

Plant suggestions for theme containers:

White container

Yellow container

Pink container

Purple container

Daisy Lambs Ears White Alyssum White Lobellia Dusty Miller Variegated Ivy White Geranium Santolina White Mini Rose White Verbena White Ageratum Helichrysum Lavender Ruta Hosta Stachys Grasses	Zinnia Golden Marjoram Golden Feverfew Gazania Yellow daisy Marigolds Yellow variegated Bacopa Yellow Supertunia Yellow Mini Rose Euonymus Emerald and Gold Choysia Sundance Eleagnus Gilt Edge Variegated Holly Euphorbia polychroma Variegated Hosta Grasses Alchemilla mollis Margarite Daisy Sedum	Hot pink Geranium Pink Supertunia Pink Alyssum Pink Ivy Geranium Diascia Begonias Fuchsia Bergenia Pink Mini Rose Pink Verbena	Heliotrope Lavender Purple Supertunia Purple Alyssum Purple Lobelia Nemesia Purple Wandering Jew Periwinkle Purple Verbena Purple Ageratum Heuchera Palace Purple
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Tropical container

Variegated container

Canna Lily Bouganvilla Calla Lily Bergenia Gerbera Daisy Bearded Iris Hostas New Zealand Flax Passion Vine Grecian Pattern Plant Heuchera Gunnera Fatsia Dracena Palm (Spike) Yucca Kniphofia (Red Hot Poker)	Leucothoe Rainbow Variegated Ivy Variegated Ivy Geranium Swedish Ivy Variegated Bacopa Coleus Hosta Variegata Variegated Grasses (Carex) Euonymus Houttuynia Hypericum Tricolour Ilex Variegata Variegated Periwinkle New Zealand Flax Aucuba Variegated Hydrangea		
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