

# Container Gardening 101

## **Getting Started:**

- Choose a color and theme for your container garden
- Determine what size container fits the area
- Select a container
- Choose the plants, using this guide: Thriller, Filler and Spiller
  - *Thriller*: The focal point of your container
  - *Filler*: Medium height plants to give the container a full look
  - *Spiller*: A low plant that will cascade over the side of the container
- It's time to plant! Fill your container with enough Kerby's Planting Soil so that you can set your plants on top to arrange them. Fill the spaces in between plants with soil, pressing to compact and remove air pockets. Sprinkle fertilizer on the top, our favorite is Osmocote 14-14-14. Thoroughly water the container.
- Enjoy!



## **Tips:**

- Use the largest container possible in hot areas. The extra soil will help maintain more moisture and require less watering.
- Place a coffee filter, weed fabric or a piece of screen over the drainage holes before adding soil. This allows water to drain and keeps soil in the container.
- Top dress your container with mulch, pine straw, rocks or moss for a finished look.
- Occasionally rotate your container so that plants don't grow to one side.
- Fertilize with a slow time release fertilizer like Osmocote 14-14-14. Because containers need to be watered more often, fertilizer does not last as long. If you prefer to use a liquid fertilizer, apply weekly for optimal results.

## **Notes:**



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