GARDENING IN CONTAINERS

Containers free you from the tyranny of your garden soil and even allow you to try fragile or picky plants without the risk of garden conditions. The right soil is easily possible It should be soiless-purchase or mix your own. Add chicken grit or pea gravel,[for drainage], fertilizer(consider slow release), and water retention material. I put compost in the bottom of large containers.

SIZE

For season-long containers, use containers of at least 12 inches FOLIAGE
Foliage should be dominate for season long beauty
FERTILIZE
Liquid minimum of every two weeks.

POTS

INSTANT GARDEN Cram the plants as though you are creating a bouquet. Use spikes mounds and trailing plants. Vary the foliage size and textures.

Hanging Basket from BG Petunias, Helichrysum, ivy, geranium Note the yellow Geranium, ivy, daisy, and Swedish ivy

Display of containers BG

Victoria BC

Great idea gone wrong.

FULL THROTTLE – Pots can go full throttle even when the rest of the garden is sulking.

Wonderful window box beautifully planted when the garden is so-so

Great container with nice trailing edges

What potential

Another great container that mixes the mark-add ivy

Impatiens – not my favorite-doesn't greatly enhance the sulking garden space

Impatiens – boring

Impatiens – Getting there with interesting pots and planting on the ground

Impatiens- Best

FULL THROTTLE with spike, trailers, and mounds

The design characteristics

Phorium, coleus and petunias

Canna with good edging material

Canna

Another good planting with Cannas

EDIT Be prepared to replace and maintain.

Pansies so charming until the heat comes

Petunias need fertilizer and pinching Color is great! Replace lettuce Alyssum replace Lobelia replace consider petunia, angelonia, Plectranus . Diacia

Borrow space Wave Hill, canna, grass, potato vine Make a collection and borrow scenery

THINK COLLECTIONS OR A SPECIMENT PLANT
Idential pots-different plants
Collect hosta
Hostas with a spike
Sometimes a plant just refuses to be contained - bamboo
Hostas of different sizes and color
Agave
Agave drama

Agave
Succulents
Succulents
Collect different species for season long color
Pots collected together with one plant that climbs po

COMPOSTION – Let them get together
Surround a seating area(Coleus, Fuschia Gartenhous
Compose a scene – high maintenance, pick up color of wrought iron
Tie the wall and ground together
Move them together
Connect the pots
Really needs help
Beautiful

USE CONTAINER TO DIRECT VISITORS

Directing the traffic at White Flint Mall Same – evergreen, with annuals Same Well they tried!!

LET A POT JUST BE BEAUTIFUL

Water
Empty – Place it to direct the eye or to direct people through a garden space
Convert to a water feature
Let there be light
Celebrate a holiday

ANNOUNCE AN ENTRY

The steps start here and lead to the front door The door is here

The garden entry is here and can be changed each day Take this path
This is the entrance to a florist shop
The path starts here!

WINDOW BOXES

Netherlands Same

Charleston

Same

GREAT VARIETY IN CONTAINERS

think of new uses.

Raise the level of your neighborhood – how about on a sideboard

PLANTING A HANGING CONTAINER

Do the planting in place if possible

Moss it

Plant it

Grow it

75. Bonsai perhaps the ultimate in potted plants

Moss or mulch the top
Think outside of the pot-sticks, ornaments, shells, garden tools
Use a watering wand
ALWAYS HOLE IN BOTTOM OF POT