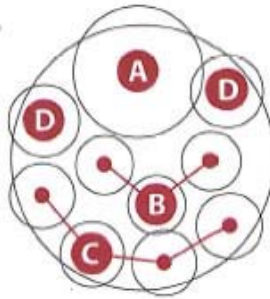


MORE CONTAINERS!

Best shade container *Deborah Trickett, Massachusetts*

Shade gardeners have a limited number of flowers to choose from, so they've learned to get creative with foliage. This elegant container is colorful without a single flower. Broad caladium leaves provide a nice contrast to the fluffy asparagus fern, while the smaller burgundy bugleweed leaves add depth. Deborah bought her caladium already growing in a gallon-sized container, but if you buy a bag of tubers, three or four should be enough. Take a close look at the bugleweed and you'll notice the color varies from leaf to leaf. That's common for this plant and is caused by the amount of light it receives. The more light, the darker the leaf. Speaking of light, this 16-in. urn was grown in shade, so it didn't dry out as quickly as one in full sun would. But since most of these plants appreciate moist conditions, Deborah used water crystals in the potting mix to ensure success.

| Code | Plant Name | No. to Plant |
|------|---|--------------|
| A | Asparagus fern <i>Asparagus densiflorus</i> Sprenger Group | 1 |
| B | Caladium <i>Caladium</i> 'Florida Cardinal' | 3 |
| C | Bugleweed <i>Ajuga reptans</i> 'Bronze Beauty' | 4 |
| D | Deadnettle <i>Lamium maculatum</i> 'White Nancy' | 2 |



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