Bold, Beautiful Containers

Today on Gardening in a Minute: bold, beautiful containers.

You can provide eye candy in your landscape with bold, beautiful containers that showcase plants with attractive flowers and foliage.

Use the guideline “thrillers, spillers, and fillers” when choosing plants.

As far as thrillers go, don’t be afraid to go wild with color. Incorporate bright flowering plants or the large, colorful foliage of common plants like coleus or tropical perennials such as crotons.

Spillers are plants that fall gracefully over the sides of the container, and for fillers, consider tall grasses or other plants with interesting textures.

Select containers to complement plants, and keep in mind how the container will be viewed.

Choose your potting soil carefully, and match plants with similar moisture, soil, and light requirements. And of course, always leave room for plants to grow to their full size!

For more information about container gardens and many other gardening topics, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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