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# HOW TO CONTAINER GARDEN LIKE A PRO

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# 10 ESSENTIAL TOOLS FOR CONTAINER GARDENING

My favorite container gardening tool is the five gallon bucket set up with a seat cover and bucket caddy!





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## SUPPLY AND TOOL LIST

### TOOLS AND ACCESSORIES

- 5G Bucket accessorized with Bucket Caddy & Lid Seat
- Cultivator
- Gloves
- Gardening Shears/Pruners
- Gardening Trugs
- Hori Hori Knife
- Pruning Saw/Soil Knife
- Snips
- Tarps
- Trowel

### A BIT ABOUT CONTAINER GARDENING TOOLS...

Planting containers doesn't have to be complicated or feel like a chore. You can simplify the process with the right tools and accessories. Here are some of our favorites that will have you container gardening like a pro. Most items can be found at your local garden center, hardware store or through online suppliers.

### 5G BUCKET W/CADDY AND LID

The 5 Gallon Bucket with a Bucket Caddy and a Bucket Seat Lid offers a comfortable seated position that relieves your back from the strain of bending over from a standing position. The bucket caddy frees up internal bucket space for tools and supplies that aren't used as often and puts those used more frequently at your fingertips.

### HAND CULTIVATOR

A great tool for digging bulbs and breaking up the soil and rooted material in a container. We prefer a three-pronged cultivator with a rubber coated hand grip. Again, as with many of these hand tools, make sure that the grip of the tool is comfortable in your hand. I personally prefer a longer handle when working in containers though you may prefer a shorter one. Dewitt and Fiskars both offer great options.

### GLOVES

Essential for protecting your hands and the plant material. I like colorful gloves that are easy to spot and recommend you get a backup pair for when one gets lost or is in the wash.

### TARPS

Tarps are used for easy cleanup and to protect the surfaces we work on. We like a tarp with a leak resistant poly-backing that's reusable. Wrap the tarp around the base of the pot to catch any soil, plant material, fertilizer or other possible spillage. When you've finished planting, roll up the tarp, shake it out into a yard waste bag and pack it for reusing next time.

### PRUNERS

Used to cut and trim woody plant material, stems, and small branches. There are many suitable options but no matter which brand you choose, make sure to purchase a pair that has sharp blades that are resistant to rust. As with all hand tools, make sure that the grip is comfortable in your hand. I prefer Stihl pruners but Felco is another brand of proven quality.

### GARDENING TRUG

The Recycled Rubber Gardening Trug is extremely handy for carrying tools and supplies, collecting plant material, hauling compost and mixing soil. It's lightweight and flexible making it easy to hold with just one handle if needed and comes in a variety of colors which we absolutely LOVE.

### HORI HORI KNIFE

The Hori Hori is an ideal tool for digging out plants that are close to each other. The shape and sharpness of the blade make it easy to reach into tight spaces, loosen the soil, divide plants, and uproot even the most root bound plants with ease. I prefer a stainless-steel Hori Hori because it is lightweight and smooth, easy to sharpen, and mud rarely gets stuck on the blade. The Niwaki Hori Hori is my favorite although a bit more expensive.

### PRUNING SAW/SOIL KNIFE


The Pruning Saw works great as a soil knife and in addition to the Hori Hori. I use a 10" pruning saw with an ergonomic non-slip handle and appreciate having the extra length and stainless-steel teeth to cut through roots and soil. The Corona Pruning Saw folds up for safety and can be easily carried in a pocket of the bucket caddy.

### SNIPS

Essentially small scissors with pointed blades and great for deadheading flowers. They are useful for precisely snipping leaves and stems of plant material less than 1/4" wide. Snips with a straight blade and slim-pointed nose made with corrosion resistant material like steel or titanium are best. I recommend Corona Snips with a colored handle, so they are easy to find while working.

### TROWEL

The hand trowel is used for mixing soil, digging holes for plants, removing plant material, and scooping and shoveling potting soil from the bag into a container. Make sure to get a trowel with a comfortable grip and a spade made of a durable, heavy metal that lasts throughout the seasons. Aluminum will be cheaper but has less longevity. I prefer a trowel an ergonomic hand grip with rubber coating and a loop at its end for easy hanging and storing.



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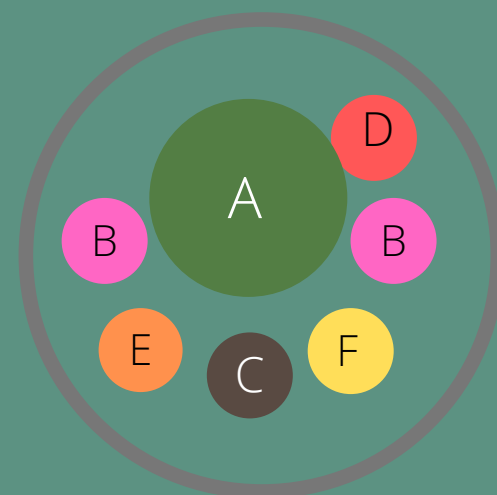


# Spring Container Planting Recipe



## The Ingredients

- Container - Coppa red glaze, ceramic pot, 21"h x 19"w
- 1 5G Hibiscus Erin Rachel (A)
- 2 4" Geranium Cherry Rose (B)
- 1 4" Aeonium Coppertone (C)
- 1 4" Coleus Burgundy  
Wedding Train (D)
- 1 4" Begonia boliviensis  
Apricot (E)
- 1 4" Plectranthus Lemon  
Twist (F)





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