

CONTAINER GARDENING PLANTS: THRILLERS, FILLERS AND SPILLERS									
Key:									
T=Thriller (Tall)	Use as centerpiece or backdrop								
MT=Medium Tall Thriller	Centerpiece in smaller arrngmnts, or as a filler								
F=Filler (Mounding)	Use as filler plants to give body to arrangement								
S=Spiller (Trailing)	Trailing Plants; plant on edges except where noted								
SUN ANNUALS			CHARACTERISTICS						
Achillea, Gypsy	F	Use it with Bacopa to keep white all season							
Ageratum, Hawaii Mix	F								
Ageratum, High Tide Blue	T								
Alyssum	S	Loves cool Weather							
Angelonia	MT								
Aster	T	Good Fall Color							
Bouganvillea	F & S	Monoculture							
Bracteantha (Straw Flower)	F	Looks like a strawflower							
Calendula	F	Extremely Cold Tolerant. Medicinal and edible.							
Calibracoa (Million Bells)	F&S	Also good in Part Sun							
Calitunia	F&S	A cross between calibracoa and supertunia; bigger blossom than cal, smaller than 'tunia							
Carnation	F								
Celosia	F								
Centaurea, Annual Bachelor Button	MT	Aggressive, good for large planters							
Chrysanthemum Belgian Mum	F	Monoculture, gets huge							
Chrysanthemum, Hardy Mum	F	Monoculture, best in beds							
Chrysocephalum	F	Yellow ball-like flower on gray/green foliage; dainty							
Coleus	T	Newer cultivars are for sun; also some for shade. Use a BIG pot!							
Confetti Gardens	F	Pre-Mixed gardens; great way to go if feeling design-challenged!							
Coreopsis, Annual	F&MT	Annual variety blooms all summer; great for yellow/orange and height in containers							
Cosmos, Cosmic Mix	MT								
Cosmos, Sonata Mix	T								
Cuphea, Totally Tempted	F	Plant in the middle and let grow out & through							
Dahlias	MT								
Dahlia, Mystic Series	T	Black foliage. Monoculture. Needs a big pot.							
Daisy, Boston (Argyranthemum)	T	Don't use in hanging baskets; sheer to keep nice							

Daisy, Felicia Blue	F								
Daisy, Gerbera	F								
Datura	T	Huge plant, huge blooms. Plant is toxic; keep away from children & pets.							
Dianthus	F	Cut back for rebloom							
Doreanthus Mezoo (Variegated Ice Plant)	F&S								
Dracaena (Spike)	T								
Dusty Miller	F	Cold Tolerant, decorative foliage							
Euphorbia, Diam.Frost/Breathless Blush	MT&F	Must have plants bloom all summer							
Flowering Kale	F	Great for fall. Smaller varieties can go in mixed containers.							
Gazania	F								
Geranium, Zonal, Seed & Pillar	MT	Pillar very aggressive, grow in separate pot on trellis							
Grasses	T&MT	Check varieties for height. E.g., PurpFountGrass very aggressive, use only in lger pots.							
Gypsophila	F	Try as monoculture in small pot							
Helichrysum, Licorice Plant	S	Plant in the middle and let grow out & through							
Helichrysum, Strawflower	MT	Very heat tolerant							
Heliotrope	MT&F	Fragrant.							
Hibiscus	MT	Monoculture							
Huechera	F	Some varieties are sun-loving and have beautiful flowers, but mostly grown for foliage							
Ipomoea, Sweet Potato Vine	S	Some varieties very aggressive; use only in large pots. Plant all in middle.							
Jasmine	F	Monoculture							
Lamium	S								
Lantana	MT&F								
Laurentia	F	Sweet blue flower of fern-like foliage. Frost tolerant. Aggressive & heavy feeder.							
Lobelia, Vegetative	S	Lobelia that can take the sun better than seed varieties.							
Lobularia (Vegetative Alyssum)	F&S	MONOCULTURE! Super-aggressive alyssum-like plant that will bloom all summer							
Lophospermum	S	Has pink trumpet shaped flower, very trailing.							
Mandevilla	S	Monoculture vine							
Marigold	T,MT&F	Check varieties for height.							
Millet, Ornamental	T	Tall, aggressive corn-like plant. Use in lg pots (whiskey barrell size) or back of beds.							
Morning Glory	S	Monoculture or Bed; aggressive climbing							
Nasturtium	S	Blossoms are edible							
Nicotiana	T								
Osteospermum	MT	Likes cool weather							
Penstemon, Phoenix	T	Colorful annual Penstemon good for height. Blooms all summer if deadheaded. Lg. Pot.							
Pentas	MT	Large, striking flower heads. Blooms all summer. Hummingbird attractant.							
Petunias	MT&F	Deadhead for continued bloom							
Pet., Supertunias (Vegetative)	F&S	Vegetative types require no deadheading, but need lots of fertilizer; good as monoculture							

SHADE ANNUALS		CHARACTERISTICS					
Asparagus Fern	S	Aggressive; plant in the middle and let grow out & through					
Begonia, Tuberous	F	Overwatering will cause tuber rot; point tip of leaf to pot edge for best view of bloom					
Fuchsia, Trailing	S						
Fuchsia, Upright	F						
Glechoma	S	Super-aggressive, variegated vine that does well in shade					
Houseplants	S,F usu.	When used outside, most will want to be shaded					
Impatiens	F						
Impatiens, Trailing	S	Vegetative varieties can be aggressive					
Impatiens, Double	F						
Ivy (houseplant)	S	Plant in the middle and let grow out & through					
Mimulus	F	Likes cool weather					
Scutellaria, Scooter Flame	F	Interesting bloom					
Torenia, Upright	F						
Torenia, Trailing	S						
VEGGIES FOR CONTAINERS							
When growing veggies in a container, always use very large pots.							
All veggies and herbs need full sun.							
Beans, Bush							
Beets		Sprinkle bonemeal at planting; plant every 2 weeks to extend harvest					
Broccoli							
Brussels Sprouts							
Carrots		Pick small for best taste.					
Cauliflower							
Chives		But to survive our winters, plant in the ground.					
Cucumbers, especially bush type		Try Fanfare in a Hanging Basket!					
Eggplant, Fairy Tale		Designed for container growing					
Herbs							
Garlic		Separate cloves; store-bought has been treated & won't grow as well.					
Leeks							

Lettuce		Can be grown in a small container.						
Onions		Why not?!						
Parsley								
Peppers								
Potatoes		Try the garbage can/straw method!						
Spinach		Stagger planting for longer harvest. Fall is a good second crop.						
Strawberries								
Tomatoes, Determinate Type		Some that will work: Celebrity, Champion, Heartland, Husky Red, Juliet Grape,						
		La Roma, Rutgers, Super Sioux, Sweet 100 or Black Cherry						