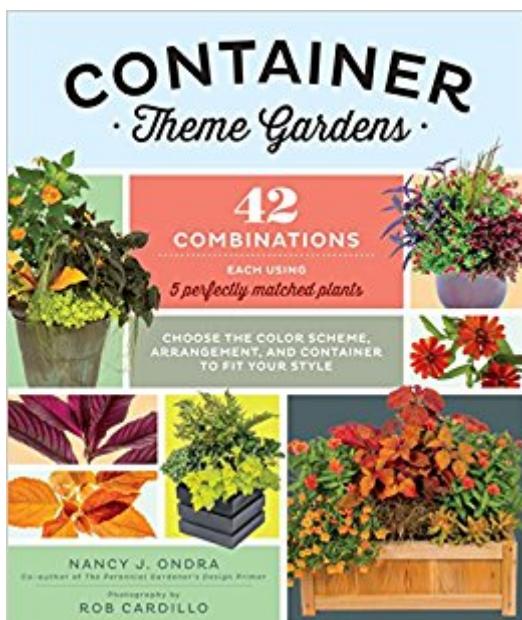


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# Container Theme Gardens: 42 Combinations, Each Using 5 Perfectly Matched Plants



## Synopsis

Simple and foolproof! Enjoy beautiful container plantings with no stress or fuss. Container Theme Gardens offers 42 plans for container arrangements, each using just five specific plants that you can find at your local garden center. There's something here for every setting and every style, including a meadow in a box, a pond in a pot, a simple salad garden, and a combination that will attract hummingbirds. Each plan includes photographs of what the full planting will look like, as well as a handy shopping list so you know exactly what you need.

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## Customer Reviews

The Perfect Mix Container gardening is rewarding and easy, even for those with limited space and time. All you have to do is choose a container and one of Nancy Ondra's creative five-plant themes. You might be drawn to a favorite color, like elegant white or soft blue. Or you might be looking for something just right for a sunny balcony or that shady spot on the deck. Perhaps you dream of creating a haven for hummingbirds or a banquet for butterflies, a night-blooming wonder or a fragrant container of herbs for tea. In every case, Ondra has a beautiful combination of just the right five plants for any season, situation, or taste.

Nancy J. Ondra, author of Container Theme Gardens, is a garden writer and editor as well as the former owner and operator of a small rare-plant nursery. She is the author or co-author of a dozen gardening books, including Foliage (winner of the 2008 Book Award from the American Horticultural

Society), The Perennial Gardenerâ™s Design Primer (winner of a 2006 Silver Award from the Garden Writers Association), Five-Plant Gardens, The Perennial Care Manual, Fallscaping, and Grasses. She currently gardens in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and blogs at [www.hayefield.com](http://www.hayefield.com). Rob Cardillo has been photographing gardens, plants, and the people who tend them for more than 20 years. A former director of photography at Organic Gardening, he now works for publishers, horticultural suppliers, and landscape designers throughout the United States. Visit him at [www.robcardillo.com](http://www.robcardillo.com).

This book is brimming with marvelous design, from the containers themselves to the lovely colors and layouts of each page. The plant palette pages are beautiful and include photographs and descriptions of each plant and alternate suggestions. The book has a great deal of practical information as well as creative container ideas, two of my favorites are 'A Mini Meadow' and 'Living Perfume'. With 42 inspiring combinations to choose from, you are sure to find several (if not all!) that are suitable for your location and garden style.

I thought there would be more information about mixing colors using flowers. I did not find the combinations that interesting or any I would want to use. I was looking more for use of flowers (annuals) for that pop of color always needed on porches, window boxes, patios, etc. However, it does give good points as to where to use the perennials, explanation of each plant used and close up picture, what size container was used to achieve the look; gives dimensions. If you looking for guidance on Plant (not Flower) containers, this is your book.

I checked this book out from the library and then decided I needed to buy my own copy! Great pictures and ideas for pulling together beautiful container ideas. So many different styles and each one is described in detail. I can't wait to try some this spring.

I didn't find the pictures of the container gardens very appealing. Maybe they are just not my cup of tea. The book lists the specific plants used, but also gives suggestions for alternate plants, which is good because it is difficult to find exact varieties. However, I found the book not worth keeping.

Some good ideas but many suggested plants not readily available. Suggested planting mostly for larger pots.

Saw this in our library and was so impressed with designs I bought the book and have created some lovely planters.

OK but not too inspiring; all the arrangements looked too much alike to me.

makes you want to try ALL of the ideas!

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