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Containers for Fall and Winter

Many of us have beautiful flower containers through autumn. Then one frosty morn we discover blackened plant material where the last flowers of summer were, only the day before. Instead of grieving over lost plants remember that fall is the best time to plant everything, including plants for containers. Did you know that you can plant a container that will look beautiful all year around? Use a combination of hardy shrubs, smaller plants, decorative objects and freeze resistant containers. You will need a large plastic or foam container 20 – 30 inches in diameter and good potting soil with slow-release fertilizer. Choose from the following list of tall, medium and short plants.

Tall

Red Twig Dogwood
Bamboo
Japanese Pieris
Boxwood
Arborvitae
Nandina
Holly
Ornamental Grass

Medium

Yucca
Juniper
False cypress
Ferns (evergreen)
Candy Tuft
Coral bells
Carex

Short

Moss
Dwarf Mondo grass
Pachysandra
Dianthus
Euonymus

You can add fall favorites like pansies, ornamental kale, and mums. Just cut them off when they start to look bad. “Holidize” your containers by adding dried plant material, gourds, branches of berries, bird house, ornaments. You will have a display to enjoy all seasons of the year.