

Thriller Filler Spiller

How to Create Stunning Plant Combinations



Thriller Plants

- Thrillers are the eye-catching star of your planter
- Thrillers add height. They can either be flowering or foliage plants, or ornamental grasses
- Choose your thriller first, then build around it
- Plant your thriller in the center (if viewed from all sides) or at the back of the container (if viewed from only one side)
- Some examples are: heliopsis, canna lilies, butterfly bush, hydrangea and fountain grass



Filler Plants

- Next, add some fillers to make your planter look full
- Fillers add a textural contrast or colorful counterpoint
- They are generally placed in front of, or around, the thriller variety
- Some examples are: geraniums, New Guinea impatiens, coleus, Persian shield, begonia, caladium and herbs



Spiller Plants

- Lastly, add the spillers
- Spillers are trailing plants that are placed near the edge of the planter and hang over the side
- Spillers should complement and/or contrast the thrillers and fillers
- Some examples are: petunias, lobelia, fuchsia, sweet potato vine, calibrachoa and nasturtium