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## DIY CREATE YOUR OWN COLOR BOWL

Select a container appropriate to the area where you want the color bowl to be placed. Those with drainage holes are the easiest to work with. Use larger pots if possible so they won't dry out as quickly. Shallow faux clay pots work well because they are light weight which makes them easier to move when they are planted and they don't require as much soil as tall pots.

Potting recipe for Color Bowls:

- Covington's Potting Soil
- 1/4 to 1/3 Expanded Shale
- Apply basic fertilizer such as Osmocote or Covington's Special Fertilizer 12-6-6 to encourage blooms throughout the spring and summer.
- Soil Moist

Be careful when watering. Don't allow the container plants to dry out or become over soaked. Both will cause damage to your color bowl.

Choose the flowers and foliage plants to match the sun conditions where you will be placing your container.

Remember this formula for planting Color Bowls

**Thrill** – The tall center of your container

**Fill** – The middle layer of flowers that is shorter than the “thrill” but taller than the “spill”

**Spill** – The outside layer that will trail over the container edge

**CHOICES FOR SPRING/ SUMMER COLOR BOWLS  
FOR AREAS WITH FULL SUN**

| <b>THRILL</b>         | <b>FILL</b>      | <b>SPILL</b>       |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Salvia                | Melopodium       | Alyssum            |
| Lavender              | Sun Begonias     | Sweet potato vine  |
| Osteospermum          | Marigolds        | Trailing rosemary  |
| Dusty Miller          | Petunias         | Blue Daze          |
| Mexican Feather Grass | Salvia           | Lobelia            |
| Fountain grass        | Zinnias          | Portulaca/Purslane |
| Cosmos                | Pentas           | Verbena            |
| Hibiscus              | Annual Verbena   | Lantana            |
| Angelonia             | Vinca/Periwinkle | Nierembergia       |
| Pentas                | Zinnia           | Scaevola           |

**CHOICES FOR SPRING/SUMMER COLOR BOWLS  
FOR AREAS WITH MORNING SUN OR SHADE**

| <b>THRILL</b>    | <b>FILL</b>      | <b>SPILL</b>      |
|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Dracena          | Impatiens        | Algerian Ivy      |
| Yew              | Shade Begonias   | Bacopa            |
| Caladiums        | Coleus           | Lobelia           |
| Stock            | Geranium         | English Ivy       |
| Snapdragons      | Torenia          | Lamium            |
| Fern             | Coral Bells      | Hosta             |
| Columbine        | Ageratum         | Trailing geranium |
| Calla Lilly      | Dianthus         | Mini Impatiens    |
| Tuberous Begonia | English Daisy    | Needlepoint Ivy   |
| Cordyline        | Tuberous Begonia | Purple Jew        |