

Color, Color, Color

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3 Ways to Paint with Plants

1. Seasonal color pockets

Early spring – flowering plum (tall) Forsythia and PJM rhododendron (medium) and hellebores, crocus, primroses (low) Repeat the recipe for each season in different sections of landscape.

Summer-Winter front yard: Evergreens like dwarf Alberta Spruce with summer annuals.

Logical Tip: Visit nursery every month of the year and bring home one drought resistant shrub with color. In one year you will have 12 months of color.

2. Contrasting Color

Black-eyed Susan vine, Pretty Much Picasso petunia, evergreen shrubs with white flowers.

Color you cannot kill: paint, tiles, empty pots, cushions

3. Color Themes:

Classic: 3 pots, 3 sizes one color pot

Single color theme:

Orange cushion inspires terra cotta pots, Vancouver Centennial geranium, Heuchera 'Stoplight' Bonfire Begonia (*Begonia boliviensis*) Calibrachoa

Color in the Shade:

Coleus, begonia, lobelia, impatience, Perennials: hosta, sedums, hydrangeas

Better soil means less watering: Add organic matter, mulch, use drip system to water slowly.

In Person Talk at Molbaks in Woodinville on May 27 at 1pm