

Interesting Plants for CONTAINER VEGETABLE GARDENS

PLANTS FOR EVERY PURPOSE AND TASTE

Container gardening with vegetables can offer big flavors in small spaces. By mixing tall, short, and vining plants you can make good use of space through intercropping while integrating the design principle of "thriller", "filler", and "spiller". Add even more fun and interest using colorful or specially bred mini versions of your favorite veggies.

Cool season and warm season crops offer container options for spring, summer, and fall. Grow seasonal containers each season, or make plans to harvest and replace plants throughout the season, mixing and matching cool and warm season plants for succession planting.


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THRILLERS

Tall plants that add height and interest to mixed containers, or take center stage on their own.


Eggplant

- Bulldog (3.5 ft)
- Patio Baby (2 ft) 

Fennel

- Antares 
- Bronze




Kale

- Prizm 
- Red Russian
- Redbor
- Scarlet


Mustard

- Golden Frills
- Red Kingdom Mizuna
- Ruby Streaks
- Scarlet Frills


Pepper (Sweet)

- Cornito Giallo (2ft.) 
- Escamillo (2.5 ft.) 
- Gypsy Hybrid (1.5 ft.) 
- Sweetie Pie (2ft.) 


Pepper (Chili)

- Chili Pie (2.5 ft.) 
- Mexican Sunset (2 ft.)
- Sweet Heat (1 ft.)

Swiss Chard

- Bright Lights 
- Magenta Sunset
- Oriole
- Rhubarb

Tomato

- BushSteak (2 ft, slicing)
- Firecracker (3ft, grape, trailing) 
- Little Napoli (1.5 ft, Roma)
- Patio Choice Yellow (1.5 ft) 
- Racer F1 (3ft- cocktail)
- Tumbling Tom (2 ft, grape, trailing)



Patio Choice Tomato

SYMBOL KEY

-  Full Sun
-  Shade Tolerant
-  Cool Season
-  Warm Season

 All-America Selections Winner



FILLERS

Medium-sized plants to add color, interest, and texture to container designs or fill in space for inter-cropping.

Arugula 🌞 ☁️ ❄️

- Dragon Tongue
- Sylvetta

Cabbage 🌞 ☁️ ❄️

- Gonzalez Mini
- Golden Cross 45-Day
- Minuet (Chinese/Savoy)


Carrot 🌞 ☁️ ❄️ 🔥

- Atlas
- Thumbelina 
- Mini Adelaide
- Little Finger

Lettuce 🌞 ☁️ ❄️

- Buttercrunch 
- Red Sails 
- Theodore
- Truchas
- Little Gem
- Rosaine
- Ruby


Pak choi 🌞 ☁️ ❄️

- Asian Delight 
- Purple Lady
- Red Pac
- Rosie

Radicchio 🌞 ☁️ ❄️

- Fiero
- Indigo
- Perseo
- Leonardo
- Bel Fiore

Radish 🌞 ☁️ ❄️

- Cherry Belle 
- Patricia
- Snappy
- Nero Tondo

Spinach 🌞 ☁️ ❄️

- Red Kitten
- Flamingo



SPILLERS

Smaller vining crops to cascade over the side of containers or train up on a trellis.


Beans 🌞 🔥

- Mascotte 
- Velour



Cucumber 🌞 🔥

- Parisian Gherkin (1 ft) 
- Patio Snacker (3 ft)

Pea 🌞 ❄️

- Little SnapPea Crunch (2.5 ft)
- Patio Pride (8 in) 
- Peagoda (2.5 ft)

Squash 🌞 🔥

- Honeybaby (3 ft) 
- Peter Pan (4 ft) 

Sweet Potato 🌞 🔥

- Portio Rico (2 ft)
- Vardaman (4 ft)

Watermelon 🌞 🔥

- Cal Sweet Bush (3ft) 
- Sugar Baby

Other 🌞 🔥

- Malabar Spinach

keep heavily pruned or trellised