

One Container, Four Seasons

Want a container with year-around beauty and seasonal flexibility that will get attention in your neighborhood? You can have it when you choose a slow-growing vertical shrub, like North Pole™ *Arborvitae*, shown here, and change out your annual underplantings to match the season. Or double the attention by flanking your front door or garage entrance with a pair of the same containers. Just follow the step-by-step instructions below.

Directions:

- Select a container that is impervious to water, such as glazed pottery or concrete. Do not use terra cotta. Be sure the container you choose has a drainage hole or drill one yourself.
- Purchase a columnar shrub, sized to your container yet small enough to allow for under planting. Good options include SUNJOY® Gold Pillar *Berberis*, SKY POINTER™ *Ilex*, FINE LINE® *Rhamnus*, and the Proven Winners® line of *Arborvitae*.
- Fill your container with a good potting soil and plant the shrub in the center (if your container will be against a wall, plant the shrub in the rear center).
- Underplant the shrub by the season.



SPRING

SUMMER

FALL

WINTER

Plant after danger of freezing is past using cold-hardy plants like bellis, primula, heuchera, aquilegia, erysimum, or euphorbia.

Use filler and spiller plants to underplant, keeping in mind the amount of sun at the container's location.

Trim and fertilize the summer plants or replace them with plants that flourish when the weather gets cooler, like Supertunia®, or Superbenas®.

In late fall, remove the underplantings and cover the surface of the soil around the shrub with river rock or moss. Decorate with lights and outdoor ribbon for the holidays.