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Container
Creations**

**P. Allen
Smith's
Favorite
Garden
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CELEBRITY GARDEN SHED

P. Allen Smith Gives You the Dirt on His Favorite Gardening Gadgets

PROVEN BEAUTY: What item in your garden shed do you use the most?

P. ALLEN SMITH: Definitely my old work bench. I like to pull it out of the tool shed and take it anywhere in the garden when I'm creating containers. It's just the right height, and I can set out all of my plants and materials and pull my designs together. It's very handy and comfortable.

PB: What item in your garden shed could you not do without?

PAS: Aside from the light switch, probably my Sharpie! I use it to label everything, and to keep track of seeds and plants going in beds and containers.

PB: What's the oldest item in your garden shed?

PAS: There's an old pair of sheep shears that belonged to my great uncle, Edward Smith, which I use for deadheading. A close second is an old metal stool that belonged to my grandmother that I used to sit on as a child in her kitchen.

PB: What's the newest item in your garden shed?

PAS: I use Stihl's KombiSystem, which has attachments for a variety of jobs. I recently got the mini-cultivator attachment, and it lets me till in tight spots such as the raised beds and in between the herbs, vegetables, and flowers.



MAKING AN ENTRANCE

First impressions are important, and in your home the front door is where those impressions are made. With containers of Proven Winners plants at your home's entrance, that impression will be a good one – and one that complements the character and color of your home and reflects your personal style. And remember when choosing the plants for your front door that you need to match the sun requirements for the plants you select to the available daylight at your entrance.



Urn-ing Power



Works well with this color palette for doors

1. CITYLINE® Vienna *Hydrangea macrophylla*
SUPERTUNIA® Bordeaux *Petunia hybrid*
GRACEFUL GRASSES® Fiber Optic Grass
Scirpus cernuus
2. SUPERTUNIA® Bordeaux *Petunia hybrid*
3. INTENSIA® Pink *Phlox hybrid*
4. SUPERBELLS® Pink *Calibrachoa hybrid*
5. SUPERBELLS® Plum *Calibrachoa hybrid*
6. COLORBLAZE® Dark Star *Coleus hybrid*
LITTLE HENRY® *Itea virginica*
SUPERTUNIA® Lavender Skies
Petunia hybrid
7. SOPRANO® Lilac Spoon
Osteospermum hybrid
8. SNOW PRINCESS® *Lobularia hybrid*
SUPERTUNIA® Giant Pink *Petunia hybrid*
SUPERTUNIA® Lavender Skies *Petunia hybrid*



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Warm Welcome



Works well with this color palette for doors

1. COLORBLAZE® Dipt in Wine Coleus hybrid
COLORBLAZE® LifeLime Coleus hybrid
COLORBLAZE® Royal Glissade Coleus hybrid
ILLUSION® Midnight Lace *Ipomoea batatas*
2. SOLAIRE® Yellow *Bidens* hybrid
COLORBLAZE® Alligator Tears Coleus hybrid
GRACEFUL GRASSES® BLUE MOHAWK™
Juncus inflexus
3. DOLCE® Crème Brûlée *Heuchera* hybrid
DAISY MAY™ *Leucanthemum*
4. SUPERBELLS® Saffron *Calibrachoa* hybrid
COLORBLAZE® Dipt in Wine Coleus hybrid
'Tuscan Sun' *Heliopsis*
5. SOLAIRE® Yellow *Bidens* hybrid
6. SUPERBELLS® Yellow Chiffon *Calibrachoa* hybrid
7. Orange SYMPHONY *Osteospermum* hybrid
8. 'Sweet Caroline Sweetheart Light Green'
Ipomoea batatas
9. SUPERBELLS® Dreamsicle *Calibrachoa* hybrid

PLEASE NOTE: Some of the listed varieties will not be available at garden centers until Spring 2011.

To see more combo ideas
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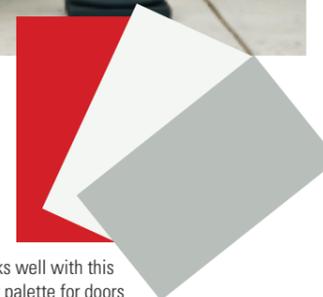
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Bright & Inviting



Works well with this color palette for doors

1. Butterfly *Argyranthemum frutescens*
LUSCIOUS® Citrus Blend *Lantana* hybrid
SUPERTUNIA® Red *Petunia* hybrid
2. TUKANA® Scarlet Star *Verbena* hybrid
3. 'Sweet Caroline Sweetheart Purple'
Ipomoea batatas
4. SUPERBELLS® Tequila Sunrise *Calibrachoa* hybrid
5. SUNSATIA® Mango *Nemesia* hybrid
6. SUNSATIA® Cranberry *Nemesia* hybrid
7. GRACEFUL GRASSES® VERTIGO™
Pennisetum purpureum
SUNSATIA® Cranberry Improved *Nemesia* hybrid
'Sweet Caroline Bewitched Purple'
Ipomoea batatas
8. SUPERBELLS® Peach *Calibrachoa* hybrid
Compact INNOCENCE® *Nemesia*
fruticans hybrid
DAREDEVIL® Claret *Pelargonium*
9. SUPERBELLS® Yellow
Calibrachoa hybrid
SUPERBELLS® Red *Calibrachoa* hybrid
SUPERBELLS® Apricot Punch
Calibrachoa hybrid
SUPERBELLS® Peach *Calibrachoa* hybrid



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designing containers

How to Do It – Step by Step



1
Select a favorite container. Make sure it has a drainage hole. Fill it with a quality potting soil. Add Proven Winners time-release plant food.

2
Select a combination of Proven Winners plants. Make sure they have the same light and water requirements.

3
Position the tallest plant in the back center of the container.

4
Add the plants that fill in the center.

5
Add the plants that spill over the sides.



Feed your plants regularly with a high-quality fertilizer.

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When designing and planting containers, you want to use enough plants to create an appealing container when first planted while leaving enough room for the plants to mature without crowding each other out. If you are filling a container that is 14" in diameter, you will need 5-6 plants; if the diameter is 18," 6-9 plants. Consider the current size of the plants and their potential spread.



Thriller – Upright, spiky plants – flowering, foliage, or ornamental grasses

Filler – Bushy, heavy-flowering plants

Spiller – Low-growing, spillover plants

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The finished combination is a good balance of alternating color and texture.

Left:
State of Grace – GRACEFUL GRASSES® Quartz Creek *Juncus effusus*, Opal INNOCENCE® *Nemesia fruticans* hybrid, SOPRANO® White *Osteospermum* hybrid, and SUPERTUNIA® Royal Velvet *Petunia* hybrid
Top Right:
Mulberry Point – ANGELFACE® Blue *Angelonia angustifolia* hybrid, ILLUSION™ Emerald Lace *Ipomoea batatas*, and SUPERTUNIA® Bordeaux *Petunia* hybrid
Bottom:
Sweet Serenity – SUPERBELLS® Plum *Calibrachoa* hybrid, Opal INNOCENCE® *Nemesia fruticans* hybrid, and SUPERBENA® Large Lilac Blue *Verbena* hybrid

The composition of your container can make as much of a visual impact as its color, so it's important to consider growth habit, structure, and compatibility when selecting plants. Also remember that all varieties should share the same light requirements and water needs, and don't be afraid to add a grass or other foliage plant for additional texture and dimension.

To see Combo Design Made Easy
[CLICK HERE](#)

SUPERBENA® SUPERSTAR

Looking for a plant that requires little care in the summer heat? Superbena is a sure bet. Chosen as a Top 10 Goofproof plant by *Real Simple* magazine, this colorful gem is heat, drought, and mildew resistant. Dry soil doesn't bother them, and they require minimal fertilizer and minimal care. Plus, the vibrant blooms can fill a container or landscape with overflowing color. The hardest thing about Superbena is choosing which brilliant color to plant.



- 1. SUPERBENA® Large Lilac Blue *Verbena hybrid* with SUPERBENA® Purple *Verbena hybrid* in the background
- 2. SUPERBENA® Pink Parfait *Verbena hybrid*
- 3. SUPERBENA® Dark Blue *Verbena hybrid*
- 4. SUPERBENA® Large Lilac Blue *Verbena hybrid*

- 5. SUPERBENA® Coral Red *Verbena hybrid*
- 6. Freedom Trail
SUPERBELLS® Cherry Blossom *Calibrachoa hybrid*
SNOWSTORM® GIANT SNOWFLAKE® *Sutera hybrid*
SUPERBENA® Pink Shades *Verbena hybrid*
- 7. SUPERBENA® Burgundy *Verbena hybrid*

- 8. SUPERBENA® Pink Parfait *Verbena hybrid*
- 9. Stand By Me
SUPERBELLS® Yellow Chiffon *Calibrachoa hybrid*
GRACEFUL GRASSES® Red Riding Hood *Pennisetum*
SUPERTUNIA® Bermuda Beach *Petunia hybrid*
SUPERBENA® Dark Blue *Verbena hybrid*



WHAT'S THE ATTRACTION?

If you enjoy bringing beauty and nature to your garden, look for plants like these that attract some of nature's loveliest visitors. Butterflies are looking for flowers that offer sweet nectar and a place to land, which are just two of the hidden features of the variety of Proven Winners® annuals, perennials, and ColorChoice® shrubs listed below.



SUPERTUNIA® Citrus *Petunia* hybrid
 SUPERBELLS® Yellow *Calibrachoa* hybrid
 LUSCIOUS® Lemonade *Lantana* hybrid

Proven Winners Annuals and Perennials That Attract Butterflies:

- STRATOSPHERE™ and KARALEE® *Gaura* hybrids
- BROADWAY LIGHTS™ *Leucanthemum* hybrid
- SUPERTUNIA® *Petunia* hybrids
- INTENSIA® *Phlox* hybrids
- GARNET BROCADE™ *Sedum* hybrid
- SNOWSTORM® *Sutera* hybrids (*Bacopa*)
- SUPERBENA®, BABYLON®, TUKANA® and TAPIEN® *Verbena* hybrids

Proven Winners ColorChoice® Shrubs That Attract Butterflies:

- LO & BEHOLD® *Buddleia* hybrid
- Miss Ruby *Buddleia* hybrid
- SUNSHINE BLUE® *Caryopteris incana*
- VANILLA SPICE™ *Clethra alnifolia*
- LIL' KIM™ *Hibiscus syriacus*
- SUGAR TIP® *Hibiscus syriacus*
- CHIFFON™ and SATIN® Series *Hibiscus syriacus*
- INCREDIBALL® *Hydrangea arborescens*
- INVINCIBELLE® Spirit *Hydrangea arborescens*
- WHITE DOME® *Hydrangea arborescens*
- LITTLE HENRY® *Itea virginica*
- BRANDYWINE™ *Viburnum nudum*
- FINE WINE™ *Weigela florida*
- GHOST™ *Weigela florida*
- MIDNIGHT WINE® *Weigela florida*
- MY MONET™ *Weigela florida*
- WINE & ROSES® *Weigela florida*

[CLICK HERE](#)
 for full list of plants that attract butterflies



LO & BEHOLD® *Buddleia* hybrid



Great Garden Discoveries

Sizzling Summer Style

You might fade in the heat, but these great garden discoveries won't. Practical but stylish, too, these fun and functional tools of the outdoor trade can be found by clicking on the links below. Indulge yourself or create an outdoor-themed basket of several of these goodies for your favorite gardener.



alicesupplyco.com



www.patioumbrellas.com



www.arizonapottery.com



And make sure you choose plants that can take the heat, too.

[CLICK HERE](#)
 for a list of drought-tolerant beauties



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Liven Up Your Landscape

WITH PROVEN WINNERS® COLORCHOICE® SHRUBS

Nothing is easier to grow, or adds style, beauty, and long-term value to your landscape like a colorful, hardy shrub that comes back year after year. And Proven Winners has some of the most popular and unique shrubs on the market. Check out two stunning bloomers that are perfect for smaller gardens.



PINKY WINKY™

Hydrangea paniculata –

Hydrangeas are popular because they're easy, elegant, and the essence of versatility. Pinky Winky more than fits that bill. With exceptionally large, two-toned pink and white blooms, it's a real show-stopper in your garden. Plus, it adapts to most soils and can take both sun and shade.

What's not to like?

[Learn more about Pinky Winky](#)



MY MONET™

Weigela florida –

My Monet bursts into pink flowers in the spring and will continue to impress you with colorful foliage all summer and into fall. Since it's only a foot tall, it fits into tight corners, along walks, and even in container gardens. You won't need to replant My Monet or even prune it.

Just plant it in a sunny area and enjoy it for years to come.

[Learn more about My Monet](#)

For a full list of ColorChoice shrubs and information on which ones will grow best in your area

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