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Foundation plantings help soften, shape and beautify the front of any residence. When created and maintained correctly, foundation plantings provide year-round interest, minimal maintenance and enhancement of the architectural style of the residence. Featured on page 12. Photo courtesy of Scott Burrell.

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# Shade

## LOVELY IN LAVENDER

The striking container was, again, the inspiration for this arrangement. Its soft purple color and bold, raised design required that the plants complement it, rather than contrast. The strong, dark purple of the shamrock (*Oxalis*) was the perfect starting point, and its white flowers draw the eye into the arrangement. Another touch of purple is found in the leaves of the foamy bells (*x Heucherella*) and the blooms of the wishbone flower (*Torenia*) was added to the other side, for an additional pop of color. The bright, lime-green of *Hosta* 'Sun Power' echoes the green of the foamy bells and at the same time,

draws your eye toward the variegated Tasmanian flax lily (*Dianella tasmanica*). Tucked between the two, the begonia brings a different leaf texture. Creeping wirevine (*Muehlenbeckia complexa*) adds softness and a spilling effect.

## TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Start with a good potting soil and add the appropriate amount of slow-release fertilizer. Depending on your climate, this arrangement

can provide six to eight months of pleasure, so it will need the extra food. As the season progresses, add a weekly dose of liquid fertilizer, diluted to half strength. When the hosta goes dormant and the annuals are finished, add violas for color; however, in Zones 8-11, the tender plants may continue to grow. The foamy bells, hosta, creeping wirevine and potentially the oxalis, are perennials, so the container will give you a good start on the next season. ▶

## RECIPE

- A. Charmed® Wine (*Oxalis* 'JROXBURWT')
- B. *x Heucherella* 'Sunrise Falls'
- C. *Hosta* 'Sun Power'
- D. *Begonia* 'Gryphon'
- E. Catalina® Gilded Grape *Torenia* (Dancat266)
- F. *Dianella tasmanica* 'Variegata'
- G. *Muehlenbeckia axillaris*



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