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One-dish dinners

Spicy ways to reinvent the classics

INSTANT COLOR!
FOR POTS,
BORDERS,
AND BEDS

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DRINKING A
FAKE PINOT?**

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Five-spice
roasted chicken
with veggies

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\$\$ \$13-\$20
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ON OUR COVER

The five-spice blend panch phoron adds unexpected depth to roasted chicken (see page 66). Photograph by Annabelle Breakey; food styling by Dan Becker; prop styling by Emma Star Jensen



**Why not mix burgundy and orange in a pot?
Blend red and chartreuse in a border?
Even grow a rainbow in your veggie patch?
This fall, it's all about ...**

Color in your garden



Custom blends: Use containers to add instant autumn to your porch or patio

HARVEST GOLD



Libertia peregrinans
Stiff green blades with orange stripes form 2-foot-tall clumps, and add structure in front of trio. Use two 1-gallon plants. Sunset climate zones 8, 9, 14-24.



Carex testacea
The grassy sedge blends the same apricot and gold tones of the others' leaves, but it's taller and finer, keeping the composition more interesting. Use a 1-gallon plant. Zones 4-9, 14-24.



Heuchera 'Crème Brûlée'
Its apricot-tinged leaves with purple undersides are broad and ruffled, in contrast to the other plants. The mounding perennial grows 2 feet tall and wide. Use a 1-gallon plant. Zones 1-9, 14-24.



FALLING FOR COCOA



Phormium 'Platt's Black'
Deep bronze leaves repeat the shades of the other two plants, but are pointed and upright, not rounded—just what's needed to liven up this single-toned scheme. Use a 1-gallon plant. Zones 7-9, 14-24.



Cotinus coggygia 'Royal Purple'
Round, deep plum leaves cover this multi-stemmed smoke tree through summer and into autumn, then turn reddish before dropping in winter. Use a 5-gallon tree. Zones 2-24.



Heuchera 'Sugar Plum'
Dark burgundy leaves brushed with silvery green look good all year, and its mounding form tempers the other upright shapes. Use two 1-gallon plants. Zones 1-9, 14-24.

WINE PUNCH



Phormium 'Sundowner'
Its strappy leaves start out bronze green with rosy stripes, echoing the hues of its companions, before aging to cream. Use a 1-gallon plant. Zones 7-9, 14-24.



Echeveria nodulosa
Its leaves contribute a pop of icy blue, in cooling contrast to the warm combo, while its swirled markings pick up the pink of the other plants' leaves. Use three plants from 4-inch pots. Zones 8, 9, 12-24.



Heucherella 'Sweet Tea'
The maplelike foliage of this new variety lends a splash of mostly solid color that sets the tone for the whole planting. 'Sweet Tea' stays low too, softening the pot's edges. Use a 1-gallon plant. Zones 8, 9, 12-24.





POTS PLUS

Start with the plants, then pick your container. The 16-inch-wide olive green pot at right makes the brighter foliage pop, while the 9- to 15-inch amber pots (opposite page, bottom left) and the 12- to 18-inch brown ones (opposite page, center) extend their plants' color theme.

Cluster containers of different shapes and sizes in threes or plant a single pot with three kinds of plants, for the best-looking displays. ■