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Window Box #4

full sun with excellent color stability. *Alternanthera* 'Little Ruby' is one of the best low-maintenance warm-season accent plants, with foliage shades of purple and burgundy. It is adaptable in containers, baskets and landscape beds. The Creeping Wire Vine is a ubiquitous component in mixed containers and baskets with its vining habit, lustrous small leaves and season long durability.

WINDOW BOX #4

Components: *Strobilanthus* Persian Shield, *artemisia* 'FanciFillers Sea Salt', *setcreasea* Purple and *tradescantia* 'Purple-Silver'

The colorful foliage components of *strobilanthus*, *setcreasea* and *tradescantia* have been in the market for many years. They offer vibrant purple shades and are adaptable as fillers and spillers. The *artemisia* is part of the Westhoff FanciFillers collection of accent plants with varied textures, leaf colors and trailing habits. *Sea Salt* demonstrates the power of gray as an accent component in mixed planters.

WINDOW BOX #6

Components: *Artemisia* 'FanciFillers Sea Salt', *impatiens* 'Double Silhouette', *setcreasea* 'Purple' and *coleus* 'Marrakesh'

The *impatiens* lacked the vigor to compete and disappeared in this combination, but the other components flourished, especially *coleus* 'Marrakesh', which is part of the Terra Nova Coleus Collection and has been in the Mast coleus program since its introduction. This is one of my favorite coleus varieties for many reasons, including the unusual foliage shape, striking multicolored foliage, mounded habit and exceptional garden performance from Florida to Michigan. It is recommended for partial shade, but I have seen it used in a sun exposure in northern regions. Incorporating the *artemisia* adds a unique color combination with the multicolored coleus and purple *setcreasea*.



Window Box #6

WINDOW BOX #7

Components: *Rudbeckia* 'Rising Sun Chestnut Gold', *euphorbia* 'Star Dust Super Flash', *artemisia* 'FanciFillers Sea Salt' and *torenia* 'Moon White'

This versatile *rudbeckia* provides a canopy of color. I have highlighted the attributes and beauty of 'Rising Sun Chestnut Gold' in a previous article. This variety has received countless trial awards the past two years for its prolific flowering, excellent branching, compact habit and day length neutrality. It is new to the Mast liner program for 2021 and was chosen as a top 10 favorite by trial visitors this summer. 'Star Dust Super Flash' from Dümmer Orange is one of the most popular *euphorbia* varieties for spring programs with a compact, uniform habit. The vegetative *torenia* Moon series from Danziger is compact, available in six colors and excellent in mixed containers.



Window Box #7

WINDOW BOX #8

Components: *Phlox* 'Gisele Red', *ajuga* 'Feathered Friend Noble Nightingale', *lamium* 'Pink Pewter', *begonia* 'Elatior Clara' and *setcreasea* 'Purple Variegated'

In this combination, the standouts are the vigorous filler *lamium* 'Pink Pewter' and the vibrant and saturated red flowers of *phlox* 'Gisele Red'. I highlighted the summer performance of this versatile *phlox* series from Selecta One in previous articles, and it is a significant component in many of the window planters. There are now eight colors in the series including the vibrant Red, which is