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Combinations: 15 Hot Picks For Spring

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Mixed upright combinations and hanging baskets are becoming more and more sophisticated as customers clamor for a variety of choices for patios, decks, porches and anywhere else they can fit or hang a pot.

Industry companies and designers are answering this need with more unique offerings featuring a greater focus on texture and structure, as well as enhanced functionality via more shade choices and increasing use of perennials to fill out pots. Read on for selections that are sure to delight any customer. Another trend we're seeing is naming combos, so if customers loved it they can find it again next year. Just a few examples of this include Proven Winners' combinations, like the one featured in its national advertising campaign—Velvet Skies—and Hort Couture's new line of Cities of Fashion combinations, each named after a famous city.



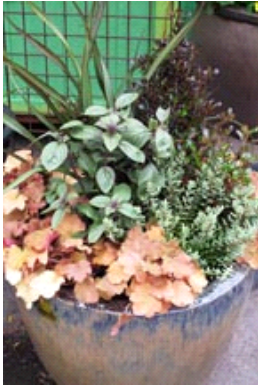
I've Got Rhythm Mix from Ball Horticultural Co.—

Argyranthemum Butterfly, Zonal Geranium Fantasia Flame, Lysimachia Goldilocks, Petunia Rhythm and Blues and Salvia Mystic Spires Blue.



Primary Perfection Mix from

Syngenta Flowers (part of the Kwik Kombos program)—Callie Deep Yellow calibrachoa, Lanai Red verbena and Techno Heat Dark Blue lobelia.



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Container from designer

Christina Salwitz—Huechera

Caramel, Hebe Pinguifolia, Basil

Magical Michael, Coprosma Karo

Red and Phormium Jack Spratt.



Patio Surfinia combination from

Suntory—Surfinia Patio Coral Pink,

Surfinia Patio Yellow and Surfinia

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Flambe Combo from Proven

Winners—Flambe Yellow Strawflower

Chrysocephalum apiculatum, Superbells

Yellow Chiffon Calibrachoa hybrid and

Diamond Frost Euphorbia graminea.



Barcelona (part of the Cities of Fashion line) from Hort

Couture—Petunia Panache

Lemonade Stand, Lobelia

Nautica Flow Blue, Verbena

Espadrille Merlot



**Perennial Combination
from Darwin Perennials—**

Harvest Burgundy heuchera,
Silver Carpet stachys and
Burgundy Glow ajuga



**Fashionable Fuchsia from the HGTV
HOME Plant Collection—**

Petunia
Sweetunia Fuchsia Queen, Survivor Indigo
Sky geranium, Aloha Milk and Honey
calibrachoa, and Empress Flair Peach
verbena



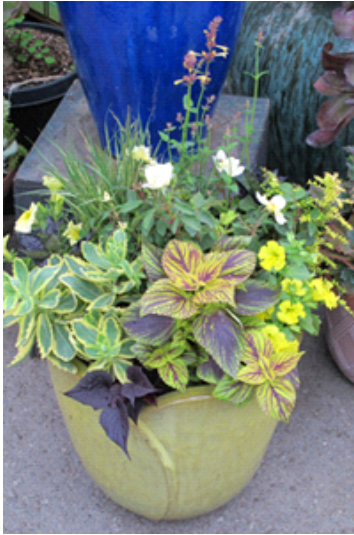
**Cypress Sensation Mix from
Ball Horticultural Co.—**

Euphorbia Breathless White,
Cyperus Wild Spike, Helichrysum
Licorice, Petunia Black Velvet and verbena and Techno Heat Dark Blue
Verbena Aztec Magic Dark Pink



**Night in Pompeii Mix from
Syngenta Flowers (part of the
Kwik Kombos program)—**

Sanguna
Purple petunia, Lanai Bright Eye
lobelia



Monochromatic Container from designer Christina Salwitz—Coleus

Fishnet Stockings, Sedum Autumn Charm, Flower Carpet White rose, Black potato vine, Golden Yellow Mimulus Maximus, Petunia Fanfare Yellow, Agastache Apricot Sunrise, Variegated Moore Grass Molinia Caerulea and Lonicera Baggeson's Gold



Giant Surfinia combination from Suntory—Surfinia Giant Purple, Surfinia Giant Blue and Surfinia White



Velvet Skies from Proven Winners—Blushing Princess

alyssum lobularia, Supertunia Mini Silver petunia hybrid and Supertunia Royal Velvet petunia hybrid



Washington (part of the Cities of Fashion line) from Hort Couture—Petunia Perfectunia

Red, Petunia Panache Lemonade Stand, Lobelia Nautica Flow Blue



Black & White from the HGTV HOME Plant Collection—

StarDust Superflash euphorbia,
Helichrysum Silverstar, Empress
Flair White verbena and Sweetunia
Black Satin petunia.