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The background of the cover features three vases of flowers. The central vase is white with a textured pattern and holds several large, vibrant pink peonies. To its left, a smaller glass vase with a red ribbon around its base is filled with a dense cluster of small yellow roses. To the right, another white vase holds a mix of orange and pink roses along with white hellebores. A thin branch with small pink buds extends from the top right corner. The background is a soft-focus green and blue, suggesting an outdoor setting.

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signs of spring!

**Get-Gorgeous
Ideas for
Your Patio**

**Lighten-Up
Decorating**

**Fresh & Fast
Homemade Mexican**

Floral Gifts for Mom

Made for Shade

These four container gardens brighten low-light spots in the landscape.

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- 1) **COLEUS**
'Mosiak Lava Red'
- 2) **IMPATIENS**
Dazzler Salmon
- 3) **SWEET POTATO VINE**
'Marguerite'



POT SHOTS

Bright Ideas

Follow these tips to design dazzling containers for shade.

SELECT SHADE DWELLERS

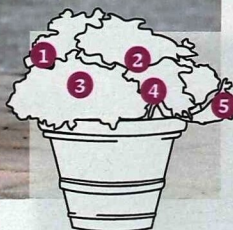
Choose plant varieties recommended for shade or part-sun. Check labels for light requirements. Sun-loving plants produce few, if any, blooms in the shade.

KEEP COMBOS SIMPLE

Pick three to five plant varieties for each design. For large pots, proportionately increase the number of each variety.

FIND MORE INSPIRATION

Go to BHG.com/containerfinder to get container designs for your specific needs.



- 1) **BEGONIA**
'Cocktail Mix'
- 2) **COLEUS** 'Redhead'
- 3) **PINK IMPATIENS**
- 4) **BEGONIA** 'Gryphon'
- 5) **LOBELIA**
Techno Heat White



Have a combination of sun and shade on your patio? As a rule, any area that receives fewer than 6 hours of sunlight each day calls for shade-loving plants.

- 1) **NEW GUINEA IMPATIENS**
Sonic Amethyst
- 2) **HOSTA** 'Minuteman'
- 3) **BACOPA**
- 4) **OXALIS** Charmed Velvet

Win This!

Win a Pamela Crawford Basket Column and Basket Planter. (Pot not included.) Go to BHG.com/wincontainer to enter on April 28, 2011. See entry details on page 224.



- 1) **EUPHORBIA**
Breathless Blush
- 2) **BEGONIA**
- 3) **COLEUS**
'Versa Crimson Red'
- 4) **COLEUS** 'Redhead' ■

