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Perk up the garden with a pop of color

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it's time to create pretty fall needs are less. containers for your outdoor spaces.

pop of color and visual interest Co. (www.ballhort.com): makes your landscape fresh and alive again.

because temperate weather When the weather cools and means disease and pest probpumpkins color the landscape, lems are fewer, and watering

Use these fall container gardening tips from Joan Mazat, Place the pots on porches business manager of pot and patios, or tuck them into plants, poinsettias and cut beds among evergreens. The flowers for Ball Horticultural

FILL THEM FULL. In the fall, a Autumn containers are en- shorter day means plants in containers won't fill out as vig-

create a lush look.

MIX IT UP. Lettuce and spinach varieties like the cooler temperatures of fall. Don't be afraid to mix edibles with flow-

ADD IN TEXTURE. Perennial grasses and sedum varieties (nice alternatives to mums) offer a lot of texture options, and are great choices for low-main-

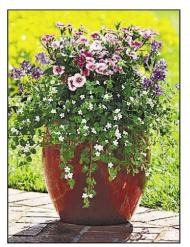
joyable and relatively carefree orously, so add extra plants to tenance containers that don't need frequent watering.

> **PANSIES ARE PERFECT. Colors** in the fall are enhanced with the cool weather. The extensive color range of pansies and violas really lets you get creative.

> PERENNIALS PLAY WELL, TOO. Perennials like asters and goldenrod are not just for the landscape; go ahead and mix them in containers as well.



Dianthus, pansy, Silver Falls dichondra and Blue Dart juncus.



WhiteFire dianthus, Snowtopia bacopa and Poetry Blue nemesia.





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Voltage yellow osteospermum, Cabaret red calibrachoa and Blue Arrows juncus.