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BY CHOOSING a tight colour palette but planting with abandon, the designer of this container has achieved a mood of lavish elegance. Purple petunias (Bordeaux Supertunia®), violet ageratum (Artist® Blue) and Merlot® coleus thrive in this sand-hued stone pot. They are accented by lime-green licorice vine (*Helichrysum petiolare*), while a delicate spray of soft rush (*Juncus effusus* 'Quartz Creek', hardy to zone 4) crowns the creation. The rush is perennial, and the other plants are grown as annuals. All thrive with rich soil, full sun and regular water. Fertilize every few weeks with a low-nitrogen formula. Tucked in below, protected from the hot sun, is a row of 'Sinbad' angel-wing begonias, with their silvery spotted leaves looking heavenly indeed.

— Carolyn Jones

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